

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 711 changes provisions related to convicted felons and restoration of voting rights. Under the provisions of LB 711, language requiring a convicted felon to wait two years before voting rights are restored is removed.

The Secretary of State estimates a cost of \$8,735 to modify the voter registration application and website. This estimate appears to be reasonable.

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services estimates the need to hire 3.0 FTE to provide education to inmates about voting and meeting their rights.

LB 711 does not restore voting rights to convicted felons. The bill's provisions remove the *restoration* of voting rights without having to wait two years after the sentence is complete.

Article VI-2 of the Nebraska Constitution reads:

No person shall be qualified to vote who is non compos mentis, or who has been convicted of treason or felony under the laws of the state or of the United States, unless restored to civil rights.

The Constitutional prohibition of convicted felons' voting rights remains, unless otherwise restored.

Therefore, it appears that LB 711, by removing the restoration of voting rights, results in convicted felons not being allowed to vote even after the sentence is complete.

No fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 711	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Secretary of State (009)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 02/01/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Secretary of State estimate of one-time Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 711.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 711	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (046)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 02/01/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) estimate of potential Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 711.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 711

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Secretary of State's Office

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Joan Arnold Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/31/2019 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2384

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$8,735			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$8,735			

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 711 removes any question as to prior felony convictions as part of the voter registration process. This change would require modifications to our voter registration system, which our vendor estimates to be \$6,860. It would also require modifications to our online voter registration application and website, which Nebraska Interactive estimates would cost \$1,875. These would both be one-time expenses.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$8,735	
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$8,735	

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$236,162		\$228,028	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$236,162</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$228,028</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 711 changes provision relating to voting qualifications for any persons convicted of a felony. This bill removes the language requiring any felon to wait two year to restore their voting rights.

There are currently two states that allow felons to vote while incarcerated, Maine and Vermont. NDCS estimates needing three FTE to provide education to inmates about voting and meeting their rights. These three FTE will travel to all ten facilities, they will provide information regarding registering to vote and requesting absentee ballots.

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	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Voter Education Administrator (AAlll)	3	3	\$159,413	\$159,413
Benefits.....			\$55,795	\$55,795
Operating.....			\$14,954	\$4,820
Travel.....			\$8,000	\$8,000
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$236,162</u>	<u>\$228,028</u>