

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2021-22</b>		<b>FY 2022-23</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$249,555		\$97,845	
CASH FUNDS	\$1,530	\$1,530	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$250,685</b>	<b>\$1,530</b>	<b>\$98,345</b>	<b>\$500</b>

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

LB 11 changes provisions related to the Election Act.

Section 1 adds the following language to the Secretary of State's voter registration application:

"PERMANENT REQUEST FOR BALLOT FOR EARLY VOTING - Do you want a ballot for early voting to be mailed for every statewide primary and general election?"

Section 5 requires the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, to implement an electronic process for a registered voter to request an early voting ballot using the Secretary of State's web site. A registered voter who has a valid Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card may use the process to request a ballot.

The Secretary of State would need to modify the existing voter registration form and the online voter registration portal to accommodate the provisions of LB 11. In addition, the Secretary of State would need to design a new early voting application to allow for the permanent registration process. Beyond these technical costs, the Secretary of State estimates the need for a project manager as the new system is developed and installed. This person will also address voter concerns and questions as well as questions and concerns of election officials throughout the state.

The Secretary of State's total estimate is \$249,555 in fiscal year 2022 and ongoing costs of \$97,845 beginning in fiscal year 2023. These estimates appear to be reasonable.

The Department of Motor Vehicles estimates the need for 340 hours of programming time, which the Department will absorb within their currently budgeted resources.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 11	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Secretary of State	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 02/03/2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: The fiscal estimate provided by the Secretary of State seems reasonable given the assumptions used.			

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 11	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Motor Vehicles	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/19/2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Department of Motor Vehicles' estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 11.			

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2021

LB<sup>(1)</sup> 11

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Secretary of State

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Joan Arnold Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1/27/2021 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-471-2384

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$248,025		\$97,345	
CASH FUNDS	\$1,530	\$1,530	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$249,555</u>	<u>\$1,530</u>	<u>\$97,845</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB11 allows for the establishment of a new permanent early voter registration process. This legislation will require numerous changes to our existing voter registration and early voting processes.

First, our office would need to modify the existing voter registration form, to include printing and mailing the form out to all counties statewide. We estimate this cost to be \$9,430 in FY 2021-22 and \$1,300 in FY 2022-23. These costs would be offset by some small fees charged to the counties for the new forms, estimated to be \$1,500 in FY 2021-22 and \$500 in FY 2022-23. We would also need to modify the online voter registration portal, which would include a one-time cost of \$2,200 per our online portal vendor. Next, we would need to modify the Voter Registration System, which is expected to cost \$40,900 (including a small amount of OCIO costs for data transfer modification).

Additionally, our office would need to design a new early voting application to allow for the permanent registration process and publish that form in a newspaper in circulation in every county prior to every election. This is expected to cost \$5,000 for form design according to estimate from the Center for Civic Design as well as \$35,200 in ongoing publication costs according to an estimate from the Nebraska Press Association. Along with that new form, we would be required to develop an online early voting registration process to include electronic acknowledgment of approval or written notification of rejection. We anticipate the development of this new online system to cost \$94,900.

Finally, given the significance of the changes to the early voting process and the recent increase in early voters, we expect to need an additional FTE to act as a project manager for the early voting program, answer inquiries from the public and local election officials regarding the program and engage in public education. Based on a Staff Assistant II position, we estimate the first-year costs of this new position to have a annual salary of \$43,700, plus \$15,300 in benefits, and another \$2,925 in technology fees and office supplies (including OCIO fees, a new computer, monitors, etc.). These expenses would be ongoing, and are estimated to be \$61,345 for salary, benefits, technology fees, and supplies in the second year (FY 2022-23).

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Staff Assistant II/Project Coordinator	1.0	1.0	\$43,700	\$44,600
Benefits.....			\$15,300	\$15,700
Operating.....			\$190,555	\$97,845
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$249,555</b>	<b>\$97,845</b>

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**2021**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 11**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Department of Motor Vehicles

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Bart Moore Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> January 15, 2021 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-471-3902

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

**Explanation of Estimate:**

This legislation will require 340 hours of programming which can be performed by existing DMV staff. The costs of this programming will have to be absorbed within existing appropriation levels.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____