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LB 365

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$70,390		\$69,416	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$70,390		\$69,416	

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

LB 365 removes language from statute that provides for mail in ballots being restricted to counties with a population less than ten thousand inhabitants. Under the provisions of LB 365, all counties in the state will have the opportunity to vote by mail.

The Secretary of State estimates the need for 1.0 full-time Elections Coordinator specifically devoted to by-mail application requests and the by-mail program. Additionally, this position will be responsible for amending the program's rules and regulations as well as providing ongoing education and training to local election officials and the general public.

There is no basis to disagree with the Secretary of State's estimates.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 365	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Secretary of State	
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COMMENTS: The Secretary of State's assessment of fiscal impact for LB 365 seems reasonable given the assumptions used.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 365

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Secretary of State

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate:

LB365 proposes to remove the existing statutory population threshold for counties that wish to conduct elections by mail in lieu of establishing polling places for such precincts. The bill would allow any county clerk or election commissioner to apply to the Secretary of State for approval to allow voting by mail for all elections for any or all of the precincts in the county.

As the law would allow all counties to apply to the Secretary of State for by-mail voting, we will need one (1) additional full-time Elections Coordinator specifically devoted to by-mail application requests and the by-mail program. This person will oversee the application process and requirements, review new applications, follow-up with counties regarding their requests, respond to questions or omissions in the application, discuss modifications to the county plan if needed, and prepare documentation regarding the request. In addition, it is anticipated that this person will amend the existing program rules and regulations (which will need to be amended as a result of the legislation), and provide ongoing education and training materials to local election officials and the general public regarding the application process and by-mail voting.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Elections Coordinator	1.0	1.0	\$46,000	\$48,300
Benefits.....			\$18,400	\$19,320
Operating.....			\$3,390	\$1,796
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			\$2,600	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$70,390	\$69,416