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LB 237

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$79,200		\$78,625	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$79,200		\$78,625	

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

LB 237 changes provisions related to counties allowing election by mail.

Section 1 removes the restriction that counties utilizing mailed ballots have a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants.

In order to address the expanded mail-in voting provisions, the Secretary of State estimates the need for 1.0 Election Coordinator position. This position will oversee the application process and requirements, review applications, prepare documentation, and similar duties. This estimate for additional staffing appears to be reasonable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 237	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Secretary of State	
REVIEWED BY: Joe Massey	DATE: 2/13/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4181	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Secretary of State's assessment of fiscal impact from LB: 237			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 237

FISCAL NOTE

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

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>\$79,200</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$78,625</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$79,200</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$78,625</u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB237 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>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
<u>Elections Coordinator</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>\$54,000</u>	<u>\$56,700</u>
<u>Benefits.....</u>			<u>\$18,900</u>	<u>\$19,850</u>
<u>Operating.....</u>			<u>\$3,300</u>	<u>\$2,075</u>
<u>Travel.....</u>			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Capital outlay.....</u>			<u>\$3,000</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Aid.....</u>			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Capital improvements.....</u>			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....			<u>\$79,200</u>	<u>\$78,625</u>