

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0

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

LB 884 changes provisions relating to verification of citizenship to include the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program. The bill also changes the rules and regulations of ballot display, delivery of the ballots, and observation by poll watchers.

The Secretary of State estimates no fiscal impact but noted significant costs to the county election commissions.

Lancaster County Election Commission estimates a one-time cost of \$30,000 to upgrade their existing surveillance system.

Douglas County Election Commission estimates a one-time cost ranging from \$254,960 to \$274,559 for additional ballot boxes, construction costs, additional cameras to cover ballot return stations and opening areas, and technology to blur screens. The election commission also estimates ongoing costs ranging from \$51,609 to \$71,209 for additional delivery costs, renting of spaces, hiring additional staff, and mileage to and from the Election Commission.

No basis to disagree with these estimates.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 884 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Secretary of State
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman DATE: 2-10-2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Secretary of State's assessment of fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 884 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Douglas County Election Commission
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman DATE: 2-9-2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Douglas County Election Commission's assessment of fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 884 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lancaster County Election Commission
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman DATE: 1-16-2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Lancaster County Election Commission's assessment of fiscal impact.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 884

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Douglas County Election Commission

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(\$254,959.26 - \$274,559.26)		(\$51,608.50 - \$71,208.50)	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB884 WILL RESULT IN A **NEGATIVE** FISCAL IMPACT ON DOUGLAS COUNTY

Category	One Time Cost	Additional Election Cost	Notes
Additional Ballot Boxes for Midday	\$20,630.70		234 boxes needed; 135 needed to purchase at \$152.82 each
Additional Delivery Cost for Additional Ballot Boxes		\$4,680.00	234 boxes; additional cost \$20 per precinct
Additional Rent for Separate Space for Employees Processing Returned Ballots		\$2,900.00	780 sq. ft. for 14 early voting clerks minus space for 6 telephone operators = 400 additional sq. ft.
Construction costs for separate space	\$10,000.00		Build walls, potentially rearrange existing work spaces, flooring, wiring, etc.
Additional employees to answer phones		\$39,200.00 to \$58,800.00	Depending on a primary or general election, 4 or 6 additional FT telephone operators for 14 weeks at \$17.50
Additional Cameras to Cover All Ballot Return Stations or Area	\$118,035.00		One for each temporary employee station (14), one for each permanent employee (15), and one for each in-person (16). Cost estimates from July 2023 camera quotes for CM42

			(\$1,016 per camera, \$819 per camera 5-year license, \$582 installation per camera, \$206 per Kidwell 5-year service per camera)
Additional Cameras to Cover Ballot Opening Areas	\$20,984.00		8 cameras
Technology to Blur Screens (Current)	\$6,302.80		NA for 3 mg cameras, majority of DCEC cameras are 5 mg (model CM42) 14 by-mail, 15 permanent, 9 in-person - 3M Privacy Filter for 24in Full Screen Monitor with 3M Comply Magnetic Attach, 16:9 (PF240W9EM) https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B8QT2B1D?tag=commconec_usa_3m-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1&smid=A3JWKAKR8XB7XF
Technology to Blur Screens (Expansion)	\$630.28		
Rent for Space for Observing		\$2,175.00	No extra office space for observers during 36 days out. ADA room used for voters. Estimating needing 300 sq. ft. to accommodate observers and 6 TVs.
Construction costs for observing space	\$7,500.00		Build walls, potentially rearrange existing work spaces, flooring, wiring, etc.
View station for 53 cameras	\$19,267.98		6 TVs with 9 cameras per TV (\$455 per viewing station, \$1,820 per 5-year license, \$936.33 50" TV/mount/installation)
Mileage to and from Election Commission at Midday		\$2,653.50	1,830 miles from all polling places to DCEC, \$0.725 current mileage rate
TOTAL	\$203,350.76	\$51,608.50 - \$71, 208.50	

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Benefits.....				
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Operating.....				
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Travel.....				
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Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
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Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Lancaster County Election Commission

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Todd Wiltgen

Date Prepared: 1/16/2026
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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ (402) 441-7311

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	30,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

Upgrades to our existing surveillance system.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....				
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Operating.....				
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Travel.....				
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Capital outlay.....			30,000	
Aid.....				
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Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			30,000	

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Secretary of State

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Joan Arnold

Date Prepared: 2-3-2026
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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2384

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	<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:

There is no significant fiscal impact anticipated to our office as a result of this proposed legislation.

However, we do believe the county election offices could incur significant costs related to updating procedures, purchasing additional ballot boxes, additional poll workers to facilitate more ballot pickups, purchasing recording equipment with audio for the observation of counting of ballots or counting boards if there is not enough room for in person observation, among other things.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
. Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
. Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

