

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	78,000	0	0	0	78,000
FY2027-2028	78,930	0	0	0	78,930
FY2028-2029	78,930	0	0	0	78,930
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 1068 changes provisions for petition circulators and sponsors under the Election Act. The bill revises the requirements of petition circulators to include that a person must be a United States citizen and has never pleaded guilty to, pleaded nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of fraud, forgery, or identification theft. Circulated petitions by ineligible circulators would be considered invalid. Circulators would be required to wear an identification badge with their name stated.

The bill also would require the sponsor of the petition to file a list of names of circulators handling more than 25 sheets of a petition to the Secretary of State, as well as, an explanation of I.D. compliance. Circulators would also be subject to a criminal background check by the sponsor.

The Secretary of State indicates they would need to hire one additional Elections Specialist to oversee the new process and requirements, review the documents filed, scan and catalog the documents for use as public records or in the case of litigation, follow-up with individuals and organizations regarding their questions or requests, respond to questions or omissions in the documents, and prepare documentation regarding the process. The agency estimates an ongoing cost of \$78,000 for salaries, benefits, supplies, and related technology costs.

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2026

LB⁽¹⁾ 1068

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision
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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2027-28

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$78,000		\$78,930	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$78,000		\$78,930	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1068 requires all petition sponsors to file two documents with our office: 1) a list of circulators who will handle more than 25 petition pages; and 2) an explanation of how circulators will comply with the ID badge requirements. Our elections division does not currently have the resources available for this additional staff time and as such we would need one (1) additional full-time Elections Specialist specifically devoted to this new requirement. This person will oversee the new process and requirements, review the documents filed, scan and catalog the documents for use as public records or in the case of litigation, follow-up with individuals and organizations regarding their questions or requests, respond to questions or omissions in the documents, and prepare documentation regarding the process. Annual ongoing costs would be expected to be around \$78,000 for salaries, benefits, supplies, and related technology costs.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Elections Specialist	1.0	1.0	\$54,000	\$56,700
Benefits			\$18,900	\$19,850
Operating			\$3,600	\$2,380
Travel				
Capital outlay			\$1,500	
Aid				
Capital improvements				
TOTAL				

\$78,000

\$78,930
