



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
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| LRB Number <b>09-2234/1</b>   | Introduction Number <b>AB-0541</b> | Estimate Type <b>Original</b> |
| <b>Description</b><br>Substitute address for a victim of domestic abuse |                                    |                               |

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Fiscal Estimate – Office of the Secretary of State  
2009 Assembly Bill 541  
Relating to substitute addresses for victims of domestic abuse  
Address Confidentiality Program - ACP)

Based on research of similar programs currently operating in other states, a typical annual budget is \$200,000 to \$300,000 with a minimum of 2 to 3 dedicated FTE.

Separate and secure office(s), computers and information systems are required to collect/maintain/protect related data and the staff who are responsible for program management. In some states, the ACP office is routinely physically moved in order to maintain an undisclosed location, resulting in on-going relocation costs. \*

In a number of states, such programs are assigned to the Office of the Secretary of State. However, research indicates that an increasing number are being assigned to the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Justice and/or the Office of Victim Advocacy as such entities are better equipped to administer these programs due to having attorneys on staff and experience/expertise working with criminal law and victims rights and services.

\* This estimate is based on research of similar programs currently in operation in other states, including interviews with program managers in the states of Colorado, Minnesota and Washington.

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**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**