

### Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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**Description**  
 automatic voter registration and the integration of registration information with information maintained by the Department of Transportation and other state agencies and granting rule-making authority

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	

**Local:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, voter registration is initiated by voters through a process administered by municipal election officials or online through the Wisconsin Elections Commission's (WEC) online voter registration portal. Under the proposed bill, the opportunity for voter registration would be extended to Wisconsin citizens when completing a transaction at the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) such as a vehicle registration or a driver license application. Eligible voters who complete a transaction at the DMV will be automatically registered to vote unless they choose to "opt-out." Voter registration information collected by the DMV for Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) purposes would then be transmitted to the WEC. It is assumed that the WEC would then upload DMV AVR data into the statewide voter registration system, WisVote, as a pending voter registration record for approval by the appropriate municipal clerk. Once the pending voter registration is approved, it is assumed that the WEC would use the existing practice of sending a voter verification postcard to the newly registered voter.

It is assumed that the fiscal impact on the WEC to implement the AVR process would fall into four categories:

- 1) Train Municipal and County Clerks on AVR. Cost: \$2,016
- 2) IT Development Costs to Implement AVR. Cost: \$6,650
- 3) Update and Develop Agency Resources to Include AVR. Cost: \$2,520
- 4) Increase in Voter Registration and the Mailing of Verification Postcards \$0.28 per card or \$280 per 1000 cards. Initial estimated cost: \$12,600.

Based on these categories the total implementation cost is estimated to be \$23,786 plus the variable cost of printing and mailing verification postcards on annual basis.

These categories are more fully described as follows:

- 1) Train Municipal and County Clerks on AVR:

It is assumed that the WEC will be responsible for training municipal and county clerks on the AVR process. It is anticipated that WEC training staff would be required to dedicate an estimated 60 hours of time to create and update training materials for municipal and county clerks, at an average cost of \$33.60 per hour (\$25.85 wage + \$7.75 fringe), for a total cost of \$2016.

- 2) IT Development Costs to Implement AVR:

It is assumed that the WEC would be responsible for developing a technological process for uploading AVR records collected by the DMV into the WisVote system. It is anticipated that WEC IT development staff would be required to dedicate an estimated 70 hours of time, at an average cost of \$95 per hour to accommodate the import of AVR data from the DMV into the WisVote system, for a total cost of \$6650.

- 3) Update and Develop Agency Resources to Include AVR:

It is assumed that existing WEC agency resources, such as websites and voter outreach materials, would need to be updated to reference AVR. It is also assumed that the WEC would be responsible for creating new materials for the public that outline the AVR process. It is anticipated that WEC program staff would be required to dedicate an estimated 75 hours, at an average cost of \$33.60 per hour (\$25.85 wage + \$7.75 fringe), to update and create agency resources and materials to include AVR, for a total cost of \$2520.

4) Increase in Voter Registration and the Mailing of Verification Postcards: \$0.28 per card or \$280 per 1000 cards

For the purpose of this estimate, the WEC assumes that the number of voter registrations will increase with the introduction of the AVR process. If the number of voter registrations increases, the WEC would require funding for the cost of printing and mailing additional verification postcards. The WEC prints and mails voter verification postcards at a rate of \$.28 per postcard, or \$280 per 1000 postcards. The annual cost would vary based upon the number of qualifying transactions with the DMV, such as driver license, State ID, and vehicle registration applications. Assuming 150,000 qualifying transactions at the DMV annually, and that 30 percent of those transactions represent individuals who are not registered voters and wish to register, the cost of printing and mailing verification postcards is estimated to be \$12,600 per year.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2017 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
The one-time costs of implementing the legislation are estimated to be \$23,786. The funds and staff time for implementing legislation are not currently set aside in the agency's budget or projects plan.			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$4,536		\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.0 FTE)		
State Operations - Other Costs	19,250		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$23,786</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR	23,786		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)</b>			
	Increased Rev		Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	<u>State</u>		<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$23,786		\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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