

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

ELEC 2/21/2018

LRB Number	17-4310/1	Introduction Number	AB-0947	Estimate Type	Original
Description absentee ballots cast by overseas and military voters					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This estimate assumes that potential increased costs of the bill will result from the following changes:

1. Overseas electors who retain Wisconsin residency (temporary overseas electors) would be able to request and receive an absentee ballot by fax or email from their municipal clerk rather than only by mail.
2. Temporary overseas electors may use the Federal Write In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as a back-up absentee ballot in the event they do not receive an official ballot in time to return the ballot by mail before Election Day.
3. Military and overseas electors (both permanent and temporary) will continue to need a separate witness to sign the absentee ballot certificate envelope, but the witness need not be a U.S. citizen.

The WEC assumes that the legislation would require developing, testing and implementing minor changes to the WisVote and MyVote Wisconsin systems to permit the tracking of temporary overseas voters and their requests for electronic transmission of ballots. These programming changes are estimated to require 10 hours of WEC IT staff at an average cost of \$95 per hour for a total cost of \$950.

The WEC also assumes that the legislation will require agency staff to revise resources used to train local election officials, including manuals, guidance materials and webinars, as well as voter information resources and forms to address the use of the FWAB by temporary overseas electors and the change regarding the U.S. citizen witness requirement. These training and voter information revisions are estimated to require 20 hours of WEC staff time at an average cost of \$33.60 (\$22.85 wage + \$7.75 fringe) for a total of \$672.

Based upon these assumptions, the total estimated costs related to the WEC's implementation of the legislation is estimated to be \$1,622.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2017 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
The total implementation costs of the legislation at the state level are estimated to be \$1,622. The estimated costs could be absorbed into the agency's existing budget.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$672		\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.0 FTE)		
State Operations - Other Costs	950		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,622		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	1,622		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev		Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>		<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$1,622		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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