

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-1550/1	Introduction Number SB-0039	
Description absentee ballot request and return confirmation		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <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		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input 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

The proposed SMS text message confirmation system is technically feasible and relatively straightforward to implement with adequate time. It is understood that the proposed system may be incorporated into Wisconsin's existing MyVote system, with an estimated implementation cost of \$25,000 and annual maintenance costs of \$10,000-\$30,000. Commercial off-the-shelf systems exist to facilitate text messaging. Integration with Wisconsin systems would require custom development plus up-front costs to license use of the software. Ongoing costs are based on per-text service fees of under one cent per message plus system maintenance costs.

In addition to the phone number, it would be beneficial to know the voter's cellular carrier (Verizon, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular, etc.) because inexpensive text-by-email options become available with this information.

Finally, it is worth noting that a small number of voters could incur charges if their cellular service plans do not include unlimited text messaging. Appropriate cautionary language could be added to the MyVote Wisconsin website for those using the proposed service.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications