



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Gardner D.

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF A PERSON WHO HAS REACHED SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE BUT WHO WILL NOT BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY THE DATE OF THE NEXT ELECTION TO PREREGISTER TO VOTE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ALLOWING A PREREGISTERED PERSON TO CHANGE HIS OR HER PLACE OF RESIDENCE ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICIAL WEB SITE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Department of State Cash Fund	<\$2,000	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 10, 2011.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: Increased costs for county clerks. See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a process allowing young people to preregister to vote at the age of 16. Persons over the age of 16 who will not have reached the age of 18 at the next election who are otherwise eligible to vote are allowed to preregister under the bill. Preregistered voters are then automatically registered to vote upon turning 18 years of age. A preregistered voter may update his or her address using the online voter registration system operated by the Department of State.

State Expenditures

The bill is expected to increase costs in the Department of State by less than \$2,000 in FY 2011-12. These costs are to modify the statewide voter registration system (SCORE) to track data on preregistered voters and allow the online voter registration system to accept address change requests from preregistered voters. These system modifications can be accomplished using existing resources and no new appropriation is required.

Local Government Impact

The bill will increase workload and costs for county clerks to preregister persons below the age of 18, who are not allowed to register under current law. These costs include staff time to process requests, printing and postage to send notification that a preregistration was accepted, and a likely increase in the number of address changes to be processed. The number of preregistrations that will be submitted is not known at this time and specific costs to counties have not been estimated.

In addition, county clerks are required to finalize the registration of preregistered voters when they turn 18. The fiscal note assumes that the modifications to SCORE by the Department of State will allow county clerks to be automatically notified or to generate reports about registrations that require final action when voters turn 18 years old. Therefore, the costs to process and send out the final voter registration to preregistered voters is not expected to be significantly different than the current costs to process voter registrations for 18 year olds that register under current law.

Departments Contacted

State