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FISCAL NOTE

Prepared in regard to:

*House Bill No.*

*1168*

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(List bill or resolution and number, if available, or subject)

Amendment to:

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(List bill or resolution and number)

Requested by:

*Secretary of State*

Date of receipt:

*December 28,*

*1978*

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal. If additional space is needed, attach a supplementary sheet. (Please type)

*At the present time, the secretary of state's office spends approximately \$1,500 per biennium to review and verify petition signatures submitted to this office. During the past biennium, five petitions had to have signatures checked.*

*To check the petition signatures, double post cards (one post card can be detached and returned with postage prepaid) are sent to the signers at a cost of twenty cents per post card. Our office sends post cards to ten percent of those persons who sign the petitions to verify signatures. Less than fifty percent of those postcards are returned. This is not a good percentage.*

*Additional clerical help is sometimes hired to help with the verification process.*

*Amendment of this law would save the state of North Dakota the money quoted above. Verification of signatures could be completed by phone call.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Typed Name

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Date Prepared:

*JANUARY 3, 1979*

Department

*SECRETARY OF STATE*