FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 01/05/2011

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2120

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to

funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

| | 2009-2011 Biennium | | 2011-2013 | Biennium | 2013-2015 Biennium | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Expenditures | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$25,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Appropriations | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

| 2009-2011 Biennium | | 2011-2013 Biennium | | | 2013-2015 Biennium | | | |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|----------|--------|---------------------|----------|--------|---------------------|
| Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

The bill requires the Secretary of State to establish procedures to provide for the electronic transmission of absentee applications and ballots to military and overseas citizens qualified North Dakota electors in sections 5, 6, and 8.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

It is not possible at this time to provide an accurate cost estimate to implement the provisions of this bill because of the yet to be developed functionality by the Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). Under this bill, North Dakota will be required to interface with the software applications developed by FVAP. In addition, there are other currently unknown cost factors regarding the electronic transmission requirements that must be established by the agency. Regardless, the intent of the agency is to pay for these costs from the Election Fund established under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

None

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

See answer to 2B.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

See answer to 2B. The needed funds would be appropriated and available under the election reform line in SB 2002.

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