

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/28/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2394

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.*

|                       | 2001-2003 Biennium |             | 2003-2005 Biennium |             | 2005-2007 Biennium |             |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                       | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds |
| <b>Revenues</b>       | \$0                | \$5,000,000 | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         |
| <b>Expenditures</b>   | \$0                | \$30,000    | \$0                | \$665,000   | \$0                | \$178,000   |
| <b>Appropriations</b> | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$5,000,000 | \$0                | \$0         |

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

| 2001-2003 Biennium |        |                  | 2003-2005 Biennium |        |                  | 2005-2007 Biennium |        |                  |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|
| Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts |
| \$0                | \$0    | \$0              | \$0                | \$0    | \$0              | \$0                | \$0    | \$0              |

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

The purpose of this bill is to establish a centralized electronic voter file, which is intended to improve the administration of elections as provided for in the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). This Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States in October of 2002. This is not a system of voter registration. Rather, it is a tool for improving efficiency at the polls; for maintaining accurate voter lists; and for assisting in the determination and prevention of voter fraud. The monies appropriated by Congress will be received and deposited in a dedicated election fund that is established in the agency's appropriation bill, SB 2002.

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.*

It is anticipated that the \$5,000,000 will be appropriated by congress prior to the end of the state's 2001-2003 biennium. The line item authorization to receive and accept these funds is being established in SB 2002, which is the agency's appropriation bill. This section of SB 2002 has an emergency clause that will allow for the use of these federal funds before the end of the 2001-2003 biennium as well as continuing on into the 2003-2005 biennium. In addition, the federal government has identified these funds as "no year money." This means that the federal funds do not have to be expended by a specific time or by the end of any federal fiscal year.

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.*

The expenditure of any funds under this bill is contingent upon the receipt of the federal HAVA funding.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The funds to be appropriated for the purpose of this bill are in SB 2002, which is the agency's appropriation bill. Therefore, there is no specific appropriation request connected with this bill.

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