



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

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Agency Submitting: Local Government

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached.

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The following responses from local governments were compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division can neither verify nor comment on the figures provided by the individual local governments.

Local Government Responses
A. B. 94 / BDR 24 - 518

City/County: Carson City Approved by: Nickolas A. Providenti, Finance Director Comment: Carson City requested information from our voter registration vendor regarding the fiscal impact of this bill. We told them this would require a program change, a way to automatically send out sample ballots upon the voters request. They came up with a price of \$76,000. We also estimate \$5,000 per year in maintenance costs.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$76,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

City/County: Churchill County Approved by: Eleanor Lockwood, County Manager Comment: If BDR 24-518 passes, the County would need to have our IT Company implement programming changes that are estimated at approximately \$700. Churchill County has 13,000 registered voters, and passage of this BDR would create an additional mailing for every election. The estimated cost for post cards and postage are \$5,200 per year.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$5,900	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200

City/County: Clark County Approved by: David Dobrzynski, Assistant Director of Finance Comment: Fiscal Savings anticipated. Amount undetermined. The County's current elections software could accommodate the Bill request. There will be configuration by the vendor at minimal cost. The sample ballot at the last election cost \$1.20 each (including postage and printing costs). While it is impossible to figure how many people will chose to use this electronic method, based upon the current 850,000 active voters, every 1% of voters that choose to go this route will save the County about \$10,200 (8,500 * \$1.20).				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Humboldt County Approved by: Sondra Schmidt, Comptroller Comment: Impact related to programming costs which ADS is determining at this time. Should be minimal costs. SOS is looking into the ability to just post to the website which would not be as labor intensive & would be a cost savings. If voters choose the option it will result in a cost savings as to printing and mailing.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Lincoln County Approved by: Denice Brown, Admin Assistant Comment: No Impact				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Pershing County Approved by: Karen Wesner, Admin. Assist. Comment: This BDR would have a slight financial impact as it would take staff time for the additional work.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Washoe County Approved by: Liane Lee, Government Affairs Manager Comment: Fiscal impact is completely dependent upon how Regulations are written. Impact could range from no cost if written properly to upwards of \$75,000 initially and \$25,000 annually, if not. Any immediate fiscal impact would be a result of the initial launch of the program. The \$75,000 mentioned above would be postcards and postage costs along with estimated labor costs to make initial offer to voters. If voters allowed to "opt-out" at their leisure (notice in Sample Ballot) there would be little or no cost involved. If required to send voters via e-mail, the costs involved would be for labor – both for attempting to keep voter's e-mail addresses up-to-date (which would be difficult at best) the remainder would be the process of determining, extracting and e-mailing the proper ballot style to each voter. At this point in time there is not a way to automate that process within the system.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000

City/County: White Pine County Approved by: Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director Comment: To add an electronic mail option for sample ballots would require reprogramming of the current software and training for the new program. In addition, increase to salaries and benefits would be anticipated as tracking the electronic mail data would require additional manpower. These new costs would be offset by the need to print ballots and mail them. The exact offsets would be determined by the number of people electing the electronic version. The calculated numbers do not include the potential offsets as they cannot be reasonably estimated.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$34,325	\$29,741	\$60,970

City/County: **City of Elko**

Approved by: Curtis Calder, City Manager

Comment: The City of Elko contracts Election Services to Elko County. Although a fiscal impact may be incurred by Elko County, no direct fiscal impact will be incurred by the City of Elko.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **City of Henderson**

Approved by: Mike Cathcart, Business Operations Manager

Comment: With a projection of 10% of registered voters taking advantage of this option, the legislation would potentially result in a savings of \$9,620 per election.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **City of Las Vegas**

Approved by: Michelle Thackston, Administrative Secretary

Comment: There could be a possible fiscal impact to the City of Las Vegas. That impact would be determined by the method of implementation. However, there could also be a significant cost savings in the long run. Currently, the Secretary of State has a system, that was newly developed, that allows voters to request and receive election information electronically. According to the Election Department, if that system was used to receive request and distribute sample ballot information electronically, there would be a significant, long-term cost savings to the ultimate end-client, which is the municipalities. If the Election Department is tasked with writing a system and then implementing, the costs for the new systems implementation would be dispersed to the end-clients (the municipalities) and there would be an initial fiscal impact. However, we believe there will be a cost savings over time with the transmission of information electronically and less printing costs.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **City of Reno**

Approved by: Ryan High, Budget/Strat. Initiatives Mgr.

Comment: While realizing that there is a potential effect on the City of Reno, a fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: City of Sparks Approved by: Jeff Cronk, Financial Services Director Comment: No Impact				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The following cities and counties did not provide a response: Douglas County, Elko County, Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Lander County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Nye County, Storey County, Boulder City, City of Mesquite, and City of North Las Vegas.