

**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
S.B. 203 / BDR 24 - 573

City/County: **Carson City**

Approved by: Nickolas A. Providenti, Finance Director

Comment: This would have a fiscal impact to Carson City.

Sec. 8 I believe would require election software changes \$80,000 the initial year and \$5,000 per year for maintenance.

Sec 14 Registration of 16 year olds, maybe additional staff. 1 part-time employee - estimated at \$2,400

Sec 15 Same day voter registration. 2 part-time employees - estimated at \$4,800

It also requires electronic poll books, but Carson City currently has these?

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$83,600	\$8,600	\$17,200

City/County: **Churchill County**

Approved by: Eleanor Lockwood, County Manager

Comment: Churchill County is already practicing many of the procedures outlined in BDR 24-573, however, any changes to election practices will have negative fiscal impacts for programing and staff time.

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

City/County: Clark County

Approved by: Yolanda King, CFO

Comment: The County will be required to establish at least one polling site ("Vote Center") for an elector to register to vote on the day of a primary or general election. The logistics of doing this at even a few sites will be a monumental process for the county to try to find a site large enough to accommodate the anticipated large groups who will utilize these Vote Centers. Clark County will need to find sites (similar to early voting sites) large enough to accommodate the anticipated large turnout where we could set up ballots for countywide/municipal races. We will need numerous convention center / Cashman Field-type facilities to try to anticipate numbers of voters. The County currently does not pay for any polling sites. In order to accommodate the anticipated numbers, this may cause us to rent space – not just on election day, but for a few days for set-up/break down, etc. Vote Centers will require electronic Poll books for all precincts on Election Day in order to accommodate voters from the various jurisdictions. The initial cost for this software would cost \$2.7M and \$162,500 annually for licensing. Additional staffing will be required – depending on volume (which would be difficult to predict). The current election worker cost is \$10/hr. The Election Department warns that results would be delayed as polls would need to remain open to accommodate anyone in line as of 7pm who is registering. The fiscal impact in FY 2016 is estimated to be \$3+ million and in FY 2017 the cost will be several hundred thousand dollars plus any unknown facility costs.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$3,000	\$700,000	\$0

City/County: Humboldt County

Approved by: Sondra Schmidt, Comptroller

Comment: Significant fiscal impact. Some of the items will actually be a benefit but this bill contains language for same day voter registration. This will require additional staff and/or overtime during both early voting and election day voting as well as potential technology improvements that would have to be established.

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

City/County: Lincoln County

Approved by: Denice Brown, Admin Assistant

Comment: A rough estimate of the fiscal impacts to the County could be anywhere from \$35,000 to \$55,000 or more. This would be for cost of new equipment, software and several other things in order to implement this bill

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$55,000	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Washoe County**

Approved by: Liane Lee, Government Affairs Manager

Comment: Although Sections 2 – 6 give permission for “Vote Centers” it seems to mandate electronic pollbooks if you choose to establish vote centers.

Sections 8 – 13 have an impact on the Washoe County Registrar of Voters Dept. It would be require additional maintenance due to a heavier influx of registration of people who may not be actively participating in elections. There would also be some additional printing costs for Sample Ballots and any other County-Wide mailings. The effect of Section 14 (preregistration of 16 – 18 year olds) would be quite similar.

Section 15 discusses Same-Day registration. This would require additional staffing on election day to process the people who come in to register and vote. We would anticipate 2 – 3 staff members dedicated to handle this process.

Sections 6, 10, 15, 24, 29, 53, 54, 57 and 62 all refer to the most costly part of this bill for Washoe County, which relates to the requirement to have a voter “electronically” sign when appearing to vote. Washoe County has neither the software nor hardware to accomplish this.

One previous estimate of an electronic roster solution was over \$300,000 to get the program implemented. There would be a “per-election” cost as well that could range from \$10 - \$25K and an additional annual maintenance fee which is unknown at this point.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$351,500	\$26,500	\$26,500

City/County: **White Pine County**

Approved by: Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

Comment: This will require the County Commissioners to pass an ordinance to allow the Clerk to establish polling places which will require additional staff time and publication of ordinance. It will also require publication of the locations which will increase costs. There is a requirement for electronic signature of the election board register. This will require equipment and software programming. The County Clerk must work cooperatively with the Secretary of State to establish a system to transmit voter registration information between the Secretary of State, the DMV and the County. The cost of this is unknown and not realistically estimated. Allowing individuals to register to vote on election day will require additional staff to manage the additional workload. New notices that must be provided by the County Clerk within two days will result in additional supplies, postage and staff time. The changes outlined will result in additional expense and adverse impact to the County.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$31,986	\$9,450	\$24,700

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

Approved by: Michelle Thackston, Administrative Secretary

Comment: BDR 24-573 would require the implementation of a "pollbook" in Clark County. The "pollbook" concept would be implemented by the Clark County Election Department but the cost to implement would most likely be pushed out to their clients (i.e. the municipalities.) CCED estimated that the cost for initial implementation of the pollbook to be \$3 million for the first year and \$162,500 every year after for software maintenance and licensing. Additionally, CCED states that same day registration would require them to provide additional staffing at the polls and there may be additional cost to ensure network connectivity at the poll locations as well. Again, those costs would be shared by the municipalities.

See expenses listed above according to CCED, but it is important to note that there might be some cost savings realized due to the change in electronic rosters, which could be as much as \$25,000 in municipal election years. With the implementation of Vote Centers, less polling locations could be utilized potentially earning a cost savings of \$250 per polling location replaced by Vote Center.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$165,500	\$162,500	\$162,500

City/County: **City of Reno**

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

Comment: After initial review, there is no fiscal impact to the City of Reno.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$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, Pershing County, Storey County, Boulder City, City of Elko, City of Henderson, City of Mesquite, and City of North Las Vegas.