

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 25, 2015

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. 316 / BDR 24 - 652

City/County: **City of Henderson**

Approved by: Mike Cathcart, Business Operations Manager

Comment: Section 24 of this bill proposes to establish new close of voter registration times and dates that allow voter registration up until the Friday before election day (4 days prior). Ultimately, extending the period by 17 days. As proposed, this close of registration schedule will increase overtime costs by roughly \$1,000.

Section 25 allows registered voters to opt to receive sample ballots by electronic mail which could be a cost savings to the City; for example if ten percent of registered voters in Henderson take advantage during the first election cycle (2 sample ballots), the City could realize an estimated \$9,620 savings.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	(\$8,620)	(\$8,620)	(\$17,240)

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

Approved by: Michelle Thackston, Administrative

Comment: BDR 24-652 - Revises provisions relating to voter registration. This bill is similar to other bills and allows for Preregistration for 17-year-olds, registering on election days at certain sites, early voting on Sundays and , extending voter registration period to end of early voting, and distributing sample ballots via email.

If this bill should pass there will be a fiscal impact on the City. Registering and voting on election days, as well as facilitating early voting on Sundays, would require more elections staff. The expense would be an increase in the fee the County charges us to facilitate our elections. If we were to facilitate our own elections, the cost would be even greater. There may be some savings in emailing sample ballots. The cost over each of the next three fiscal years and the effect on future biennia is unknown. There's no way to forecast how many additional voters might turn out as a result of early voting on Sundays and election day registration and voting. Extending registration throughout the early voting period could result in even more turnout.

Part of the bill talks about same day registration as voting. According to CCED, 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. Those costs would be shared by or pushed out to the municipalities.

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

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: Carson City Approved by: Nickolas A. Providenti, Finance Director Comment: The would require 2 FTE's plus additional costs of approximately \$12,100 for computers, office equipment, publication costs etc.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$92,100	\$80,000	\$160,000

City/County: Churchill County Approved by: Eleanor Lockwood, County Manager Comment: BDR 24-652 would create a fiscal impact on Churchill County. Impacts include computer programming costs that would allow voter registration data to be entered and retrieved immediately at various locations. Additional fiscal impacts include the publishing of the location of each polling place in the County a week prior to the election. The estimated fiscal impact is \$10,000.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

City/County: **Clark County**

Approved by: David Dobrzynski, Assistant Director of Finance

Comment: Fiscal Impact cannot be determined.

Section 2: The County already pre-registers at 17 years old. There will be no further fiscal impact.

Section 3: Fiscal impact undetermined. The County would 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 would be a difficult process for the county to try to find a site large enough to accommodate. 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 would need to be required – depending on volume (which would be hard to predict) so we would need to overstaff. The current election worker cost is \$10/hr.

Section 4: 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).

The County currently operates early voting sites on Sunday. No impact on Clark County.

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: Tami Spero, Clerk

Comment: Significant impact associated with same day registration. It would require additional staff as well as technology improvements. Whether poll workers could be used for the additional workload would need to be looked at as the registration of voters requires access to our computer system as well as knowledge of the voters personal data. Same day registration would require an immediate uplink to the voting system that is updating continually which we do not do currently. It would probably require electronic poll books as opposed to the paper poll registers we currently use. The electronic sample ballots appears in several bills. It would require technology costs but the offset of reducing mailing costs would help with that impact.

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, Administrative Assistant Comment: Has Impact				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0

City/County: Washoe County Approved by: Liane Lee , Government Affairs Manager Comment: The fiscal impact of this bill comes from two items: Election Day registration and extending the voter registration period. Section 3 and 18 discuss same day registration. This would require 2 to 3 staff dedicated to this process. Currently we could only manage this process in our main office which could mean long lines during presidential election years. Section 13 and 24 extend the voter registration period to the end of July. This would require a complete and interactive wi-fi to each of our early voting sites. We do not currently have the ability to transmit real-time new registration information to early voting sites. The amount of resources required from Technology Services is not known yet. We anticipate new hardware would be needed as well.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$63,500	\$33,500	\$33,500

City/County: White Pine County Approved by: Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director Comment: This will require additional staff time to accommodate the extended period for voter registration as well as voter registration on the day of the primary election, costs for advertising a notice of polling places in the County, staff time for posting notices, copying costs to provide lists to the public as requested and establishment of a system to provide electronic sample ballots to voters via email. There may be a savings in the future as it relates to the mailing costs of printed sample ballots which will be offset to some extent by the costs required to maintain the software for sending electronic sample ballots. The final result will be adverse financial impact to the County in the form of higher expense.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$36,750	\$16,750	\$35,500

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