## LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 28, 2017

Agency Submitting: Local Government

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	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. 211 / BDR 24 - 58

City/County: City of Henderson

Approved by: Mike Cathcart, Business Operations Manager

Comment: No fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: City of Las Vegas

Approved by: Michelle Thackston, Administrative Assistant

Comment: No Impact

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: City of Reno

Approved by: Amber Drlik, Management Analyst

Comment: While the City may incur a fiscal impact from this bill, the amount is indeterminable

at this time. As this may result in a new primary election, the existing contract with the

Washoe County Registrar's Office does not contain fees for such provisions.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	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 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Carson City

Approved by: Nancy Paulson, CFO

Comment: No fiscal impact to Carson City as long as the State reimburses the City for the

cost of the election.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Churchill County

Approved by: Eleanor Lockwood, County Manager

Comment: The passage of the Bill will have a significant fiscal impact to Churchill County.

Estimated cost >\$20,000

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Clark County

Approved by: David Dobrzynski, Asst. Director of Finance

Comment: Bill will implement a presidential primary in February that will be held separately from the County's current primary. As written the State will pay for the election and reimburse the county. (Section 22) The cost for running a countywide election is approximately \$1,000,000 that would be bore by the State.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Douglas County** 

Approved by: Kathy Lewis, Douglas County Clerk/Treasurer

Comment: We would incur these costs during the presidential election cycle, February 2020

(FY19/20)

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,050

City/County: Esmeralda County

Approved by: LaCinda Elgan, Esm Co Clerk and Treasurer

Comment: If we had a separate Primary Election just for the Presidential Candidates I can see where some voters would welcome that process; due to the fact they do not believe that the caucus truly reflects who should run for the party. On the other hand if we have an election in February my costs for that process would be approx. \$3,900.00 or more. That figure covers the costs of the ballots, sample ballots, publications, payroll/benefits for my office and the poll workers, equipment repair/miscellaneous costs.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$3,900	\$0	\$4,000

City/County: Eureka County

Approved by: Beverly Conley, Clerk/Treasurer

Comment: Eureka County supports this bill. Additional expenditures of less than \$15,000

anticipated for a Presidential Primary. Voter registration totals are less than 1000

countywide.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Lincoln County

Approved by: Denice Brown, Administrative Assistant

Comment: Has Impact

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0

City/County: Washoe County

Approved by: Lisa Gianoli, Lobbyist

Comment: Potentially adds a Presidential Preference Primary to each Presidential election year which would have a fiscal impact on the County by adding another election for the County to conduct. Although the BDR includes reimbursement of the costs associated with the conduct of the election by the State, the County would still have the impact of the loss of being able to use the election offices staff and resources to complete other essential functions and purposes for the County. First year of Impact in 2020.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,033

City/County: White Pine County

Approved by: Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

Comment: The additional expense relating to the proposed presidential preference primaries will only affect the County during the years presidential primaries are held. Therefore it will be future biennia that are impacted. Although an increase of approximately \$22,000 may not seem like much, to put this in perspective, in the current year the budget for elections was approximately \$31,000. This is approximately a 70% increase.

In addition, in the last election, 53% of voters that appeared in-person to vote did so during the early voting period. Shortening the available time for early voting will result in:

- 1. Increased number of voters that turnout on election day, and
- 2. An increase in the number of daily voters during the early voting period.

The costs associated with this will be:

- 1. An increase in the number of election workers required to assist with greater voter turnout at the polls on election day, and
- 2. A need for increased staffing during early voting. Currently, the flow of early voters can be handled by existing staff as they are spread out over a longer period of time. Shortening that will mean that current staffing will not be able to handle it and additional staff will be required to assist.

The additional costs related to shortening the early voting period would impact every election cycle.

The ultimate outcome of the proposed changes would be an adverse impact to the County in the form of increased expense.

Impact	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$24,020

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