

BDR 24-875 AB 293

EXECUTIVE AGENCY FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 26, 2017

Agency Submitting: Office of the Secretary of State

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Effect on Future Biennia
Database Production (Expense)				\$187,000
Pre-LAT Services (Expense)				\$45,000
Election Day Support (Expense)				\$58,000
System Enhancements for Same-Day Registration (Expense)				\$114,250
Regulations (Expense)				\$9,500
Total	0	0	0	\$413,750

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Please see attached documents.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Date Tuesday, March 21, 2017

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

BDR/Bill/Amendment Number: BDR 24-875

Name of Agency: Secretary of State

Division/Department: Elections Division

Date: March 20, 2017

This bill would require the administration of a presidential preference primary election if one is requested by one or both of the major political parties. If no presidential preference primary is requested, there would be no fiscal impact on the Secretary of State's office; however, this fiscal note is prepared assuming both major political parties will request a presidential preference primary in 2020.

According to the bill, all the costs associated with a presidential preference primary would be a charge against the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account. As a result, the actual cost for the Secretary of State to administer a presidential preference primary would be \$0. However, it is estimated that the Secretary of State's portion of the costs for a presidential preference primary that would be charged to Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account would be \$290,000. This would cover services provided by the voting system vendor for each election in Nevada. For each election, the vendor provides various services, including development of the databases and ballots that operate on the voting machines, pre-election service and testing of voting system components, and onsite or telephone support for Election Day. Please note that the next presidential election is not until 2020, so all the estimated costs for a presidential preference primary would not have an effect until a future biennium.

This fiscal note response only estimates the costs of a presidential preference primary that would be incurred by the Secretary of State's office. A presidential preference primary would also have a significant fiscal impact on all 17 counties in Nevada. The total county impact is estimated by the Secretary of State's office at \$1.58 million. Together with the Secretary of State's costs (\$290,000), the total amount statewide that it is estimated would be charged to the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account is \$1.87 million.

If a presidential preference primary is conducted, this bill would require each county to establish one or more polling locations at which a person can register to vote or change party affiliation and cast a ballot during the in-person early voting period and on Election Day. This is commonly referred to as Same-Day Registration. This would require election officials to search the Statewide Voter Registration List (SVRL) to determine if a person is registered elsewhere in the state and perform the necessary Help America Vote Act (HAVA) validations with the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Social Security Administration. All this must be done onsite at the same-day registration polling location and in real-time. Contract project management services related to requirements gathering and project planning and management for the SVRL enhancements are estimated to cost \$108,000, and the associated software would cost another \$6,250, for a total cost of \$114,250. Technical development work for the SVRL application enhancements would be completed in-house by staff of the Information Technology Division in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Lastly, Section 30 of the bill requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations related to the provisions of the bill. Based on historical costs related to the adoption of regulations by the Secretary of State's office, it is estimated that the adoption of regulations pursuant to this bill will cost \$9,500.

BDR 24-875	Cost per hour (MSA Contractor Rates per State Purchasing)	Hours	Other Costs	Total
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1) Administer Presidential Preference Primary

Database Production	\$ -		\$ 187,000.00	\$ 187,000.00
Pre-LAT Services	\$ -		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Election Day Support	\$ -		\$ 58,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
1) Total:				\$ 290,000.00

2) Implement Same-Day Voter Registration

Purchase new MS SQL Server Enterprise License for real-time updates to SVRL	\$ -		\$ 6,250.00	\$ 6,250.00
Senior Project Manager (Requirements gathering and project planning)	\$ 120.00	900	\$ -	\$ 108,000.00
2) Total:				\$ 114,250.00

3) Adoption of Regulations

Legislative Counsel Bureau	\$ 50.00	160	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Publication, venue rental and staff travel costs for regulation workshops	\$ -		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
3) Total:				\$ 9,500.00

Grand Total: \$ 413,750.00