



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # SB0277

Title: Provide board of ethics to appoint commissioner of political practices

Primary Sponsor: Peterson, Jim

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$10,100	\$4,100
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$10,100)</u>	<u>(\$4,100)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 277 establishes a 7 member Board of Ethics in Political Practices which includes some oversight of the appointed commissioner. There will be meeting costs associated with the newly created board, including travel costs for members.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. It is assumed that the board will need to meet for 4 days during the appointment process (every six years) and once during the legislative session to make recommendations to the Senate. The board has oversight over the commissioner's performance of duties so it is assumed they will meet 2 times each standard year. Estimated per diem would be \$1,750 for the appointment year.
2. It is assumed that five members of the board would reside outside of the Helena and would be entitled to expenses as provided in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503, MCA.
 - a. The estimated cost for meal reimbursements would be \$230 for standard years and \$575 for the appointment year.

- b. The estimated cost for lodging reimbursement would be \$870 for standard years and \$2,175 for the appointment year
- c. The estimated cost for mileage reimbursement would be \$2,000 for standard years and \$5,000 for the appointment year.
- 3. Operating expenses of the board are estimated to be \$600 per year during an appointment year and \$300 during a standard year.
- 4. Members of the Board of Ethics in Political Practice must be appointed by July 1, 2016.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,750	\$3,800
Operating Expenses	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$8,350</u>	<u>\$300</u>
TOTAL Expenditures	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,100</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,100</u></u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$10,100	\$4,100
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,100</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,100</u></u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	(\$10,100)	(\$4,100)
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date