



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill # SB0169

Title: Require special election for vacancy in the U.S. Senate or House

Primary Sponsor: Hamlett, Bradley

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 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill would have no impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

1. Montana law currently requires special federal elections for unscheduled vacancies in the office of U.S. Representative. This bill would require that unscheduled vacancies in the office of U.S. Senate follow the same procedure, thus eliminating a gubernatorial appointment.
2. In the unlikely event of an unscheduled federal vacancy and a special election, counties would be required to administer and finance the special election. They currently administer and finance all federal elections in Montana. It is estimated that a federal special election would cost roughly \$2.0 million to administer. This cost would be less if Montana adopts a Vote-by-Mail process for federal elections or if the timing were such that the election could be combined with an already scheduled election.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date