



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0643

Title: Allowing a disabled voter to electronically return a ballot

Primary Sponsor: Custer, Geraldine

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

	FY 2022 Difference	FY 2023 Difference	FY 2024 Difference	FY 2025 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$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 legislation would require a programming change to the Secretary of State's Elections Management system. The Office of the Secretary of State is funded entirely with non-appropriated proprietary funds and does not receive HB 2 appropriations. The revenue generated from registration and document filings fees paid by Montana businesses would be required to pay for the expenditures resulting from this bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. The cost of the one-time programming charge to develop an online portal to accommodate applications for ballots and ballot secure transmission is estimated at \$50,000.
2. The cost of the one-time programming change to enhance the Secretary of State's Elections Management system to allow disabled voters to receive ballots is estimated at \$25,000.
3. Existing Secretary of State staff will be utilized to perform project management, documentation, and testing.

Fiscal Note Request – As Introduced

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	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Marciano Ceester 3/23/21
Sponsor's Initials Date

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Budget Director's Initials

3-22-21
Date