



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-Revised

- 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 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$10,000)</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. HB 643 provides a \$10,000 general fund appropriation that will be used to offset the expenditures resulting from this bill. The balance of these expenditures will be paid from revenues generated by Montana business registration and document filings fees.

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 is estimated at \$25,000 to enhance the Secretary of State's Elections Management system to allow disabled voters to receive ballots.
3. Existing Secretary of State staff will be utilized to perform project management, documentation, and testing.

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<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	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	(\$65,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Geraldine Crote
Sponsor's Initials

3/26/21
Date

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Budget Director's Initials

3-24-21
Date