



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0481 - Require cast vote records (Glimm, Carl)

Status: As Amended in House Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$239,220	\$239,220	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	(\$239,220)	(\$239,220)	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact: SB 481 establishes a biennium appropriation for a grant program managed by the Secretary of State's Office for county election offices to request funds for purchasing the necessary equipment to comply with the requirements for generating cast vote records during federal elections. The fiscal impact to the state is a \$239,220 reduction in general fund for each of the fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Office of the Secretary of State

1. The Office of the Secretary of State will receive a HB 2 appropriation of \$239,220 in each of the fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to establish a grant program for counties. The grants will provide supplemental funds to the counties that need to purchase the necessary equipment and software to comply with the requirements in this bill.
2. Counties will be required to request Help America Vote Act (HAVA) subgrant funds, if allowable and available, prior to requesting supplemental funds through the grant program established in the bill.
3. This bill provides the Secretary of State's Office with the ability to establish and charge a fee commensurate with the cost for obtaining, printing, and distributing paper copies of all court findings and pleadings that are filed pursuant to Section 1 of this bill. It is assumed the fee established would pay for any associated costs, so there is no fiscal impact. See also technical notes regarding office notification concerns.

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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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants	\$239,220	\$239,220	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$239,220	\$239,220	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$239,220	\$239,220	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$239,220	\$239,220	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$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)	(\$239,220)	(\$239,220)	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

- Section 1(4) of this bill states that “[t]he secretary of state shall provide to the public copies of all court findings and pleadings of public record in any court proceeding that is filed pursuant to this section and shall charge a fee for paper copies that is commensurate with the cost of obtaining, printing, and distributing the public documents.” While this provision explicitly provides the Secretary of State’s Office with the ability to charge a fee commensurate with the cost for obtaining, printing, and distributing paper copies of all court findings and pleadings that are filed pursuant to Section 1 of this bill, this bill does not address or consider how the Secretary of State’s office is notified of the particular action filed under Section 1.
- As long as the Secretary of State’s Office is notified and aware of the applicable court proceeding, including but not limited to the applicable case number, that is filed pursuant to Section 1 of this bill and the applicable requested document(s) from that court proceeding, then the request could be fulfilled and it is assumed the fee established and costs associated would result in a \$0 net impact.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor’s Initials

4.26.23

Date

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Budget Director’s Initials

4-24-23

Date