



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

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| Bill information: | |
| HB0806 - Revise requirements for absentee ballots (Sheldon-Galloway, Lola) | |
| 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 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 | \$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 proposed legislation revises eligibility criteria for absentee ballots and requires applications for absentee ballots be submitted in January of every even-numbered year. This bill has no fiscal impact to the Office of the Secretary of State. However, there will be a fiscal impact to local governments to mail absentee ballot renewal cards every other year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Office of the Secretary of State

- There is no fiscal impact to the Office of the Secretary of State associated with implementing the requirements of this since the proposed legislation does not require the office to assume any additional responsibilities.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

Montana Association of Counties

- The proposed legislation requires each county to send absentee ballot renewal cards every other year to individuals already on the absentee ballot list. The estimated costs for this mailing is \$569,433.

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