



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2021 Biennium

**Bill #** HB0557

**Title:** Provide for online voter registration

**Primary Sponsor:** Winter, Thomas

**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 2020</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$7,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	Unknown	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$7,200)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 557 would require an application change to the current statewide voter registration system for the Office of the Secretary of State and a programming modification for the Department of Justice. The cost to the Secretary of State is unknown. The cost to the Department of Justice is estimated at \$7,200 in fiscal year 2020.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Department of Justice**

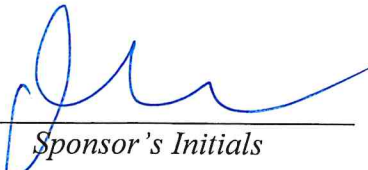
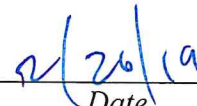

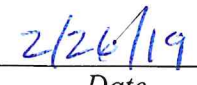
1. HB 557 will require 60 hours of programming modifications to the Montana Enhanced Registration & Licensing Information Network (MERLIN) at a contract rate of \$120 per hour. The modifications will build an interface into MERLIN to allow the Office of the Secretary of State to pull the voter registration signatures.
2. Programming modifications will need to be completed in FY 2020.

#### **Office of the Secretary of State**

3. The Office of the Secretary of State is in the process of procuring a replacement voter registration and election management system. Therefore, the office is unable to estimate a cost to build an interface between the new

system, the Montana Department of Justice’s drivers license system, and tribal identification cards issued by a tribal government at this time.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses				
Secretary of State	Unknown	\$0	\$0	\$0
Department of Justice	\$7,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$7,200</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$7,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	Unknown	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$7,200</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$7,200)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	Unknown	\$0	\$0	\$0

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