Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1104: CREDIT AGENCY VOTER ADDRESS VERIFICATION

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the Secretary of State to conduct an annual address verification of registered voters using a third-party credit bureau.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures
- State Revenue

- Local Government

Appropriations. For FY 2026-27, the bill requires an appropriation of $50,400 to the Department of State.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	$0	$0
State Expenditures (Cash Funds)	$50,400	$50,400
Transferred Funds	$0	$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	$0	$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

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Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Secretary of State is required to conduct a monthly national change of address search for all voters that appear in the statewide voter registration list, using a database administered by the United States Postal Service. The bill requires that the Secretary of State also conduct an annual change of address search for all registered voters by securely sending information to a third-party credit bureau for the address verification. County clerks are sent the information of any discrepancies found from the address search. Each clerk must review the information and take action as necessary to resolve the discrepancy in accordance with current law.

State Revenue

Fee Impact on Businesses and Professions

Colorado law requires legislative service agency review of measures which create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. Under current law, the Department of State (DOS) is authorized to adjust fees so that the revenue generated approximates its direct and indirect costs. The DOS is primarily funded through business filing fees. To cover the costs described in the State Expenditures section below, fees may need to be raised to cover all or some of the costs of this bill.

This fiscal note assumes that fees may be adjusted such that the DOS will recoup its FY 2026-27 costs. The fees affected, the timing of any increase, and the actual amount of fee charges will be set administratively by the DOS based on cash fund balance and total program costs.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of State by about $50,400 each year starting in 2026-27 to contract with a third-party credit agency for address verification. These costs will be paid from the Department of State Cash Fund.

Local Government

County Clerks are required to act on any information received from the address verification in the same way current law requires their action for the monthly verification of voter addresses. This measure is not expected to significantly increase workload for county clerks, as the additional address verification will be incorporated into current processes. A portion of election-related costs is reimbursable by the state.

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Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2026-27, the bill requires an appropriation of $50,400 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State.

State and Local Government Contacts

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