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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: VOTER REGISTRATION INDIVIDUALS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill allows a person on parole to preregister to vote and requires parole and probation officers to provide individuals with voter registration information. It increases state expenditures in FY 2018-19 only. State and local government workload is increased on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, this bill requires an appropriation of \$89,600 to the Department of Corrections and \$95,555 to the Department of State.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 18-150**

		FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$89,600	-
	Cash Funds	\$95,555	-
	Total	\$185,155	
Transfers		-	-

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows a person on parole to preregister to vote. A person preregistered to vote is automatically registered when the Department of State (DOS) receives notice from the Department of Corrections (DOC) that the preregistered person has been released from parole. Parole officers are required to provide parolees with information for how he or she can preregister to vote at their initial meeting. At the last meeting prior to his or her release from parole, the parole officer must provide information on how to register, confirm, or update voter registration, how to obtain and cast a ballot, and how to obtain voter informational materials. The DOC must provide a report on all individuals released from parole to the DOS on a regular basis. This bill also expands the duties of a probation officer to provide voter information to persons on probation.

State Expenditures

For FY 2018-19 only, this bill increases DOC expenditures by \$89,600 and DOS expenditures by \$95,555. Parole and Judicial Department workload is increased on an ongoing basis. These impacts are shown in Table 2 and discussed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 18-150

Cost Components	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Computer Programming (Department of Corrections)	\$89,600	-
Computer Programming (Department of State)	\$67,200	-
Voter Registration Forms (Department of State)	\$28,355	-
Total	\$185,155	

Department of Corrections. For FY 2018-19 only, the DOC requires 800 hours of information systems programming at a rate of \$112 per hour for a cost of \$89,600. These programming hours are for the creation of a report that identifies individuals released from parole and their preregistration status.

Department of State. For FY 2018-19 only, the DOS requires 600 hours of programming to update the state voter registration system at a rate of \$112 per hour for a cost of \$67,200. This programming will allow the department to track the preregistration of parolees and automatically register them upon release from parole. This bill also requires changes to the voter registration form which will cost \$28,355 for the reprinting of the forms.

Parole. For FY 2018-19 and beyond, this bill increases parole officer workload to provide parolees with preregistration information at his or her initial meeting with a parole officer and information on voter registration and how to vote at his or her last meeting before being released from parole. It is assumed this workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Judicial Department. For FY 2018-19 and beyond, this bill increases workload in the Probation Division of the Judicial Department to provide voter registration information to persons on probation. It is assumed this workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

This bill increases workload for City and County of Denver probation officers to provide the required voter registration information.

Technical Note

The departments of Corrections and State will require appropriations to perform necessary computer programming and voter registration form changes prior to the bills April 1, 2019, effective date.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect April 1, 2019.

State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, this bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$89,600 to the Department of Corrections. These funds are reappropriated to the Office of Information Technology.

For FY 2018-19, this bill requires an appropriation of \$95,555 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
Judicial
Secretary of State

Counties
Parole Board

Clerks
Revenue