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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Neville

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**Bill Topic:** PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:**
- State Revenue
  - State Expenditure
  - State Transfer
  - TABOR Refund
  - Local Government
  - Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires that an elector provide a form of identification that includes proof of citizenship in order to register to vote immediately prior to or on election day. The bill increases expenditures in FY 2019-20 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2019-20, the bill requires a cash fund appropriation of \$84,800 to the Department of State.

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

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1156**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditure</b>	Cash Funds	\$84,800	-
<b>Transfer</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a person may register to vote if he or she is at least 18 years of age, is a U.S. citizen, and has resided in Colorado for at least 22 days immediately prior to the election at which he or she intends to vote. This bill modifies requirements for registering to vote at a voter service and polling center (VSPC) immediately prior to or on election day by adding the requirement that the registering person provide documentation that establishes both his or her identity and citizenship. The bill specifies acceptable documents for these purposes.

## Background

Voters in Colorado may register to vote in a number of ways. Among the various methods, voters may register online at the Secretary of State's website, through a voter registration drive, at a motor vehicle or driver's license office, or in person at a VSPC. VSPCs are operated by county clerks in the fifteen days prior to and including the election. In the eight days immediately prior to and including election day, in-person registration at a VSPC is the only way for a voter to register and vote in the upcoming election.

## State Expenditures

This bill will increase cash fund expenditures in the Department of State by \$84,800 in FY 2019-20 only. These costs, paid from the Department of State Cash Fund, are for one-time computer programming costs to update the statewide voter registration system (SCORE) database to track whether voters have provided documentation establishing both their citizenship and identity when registering in person at a VSPC. Costs are based on 800 hours of contract computer programming at a rate of \$106 per hour.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$84,800 to the Department of State from the Department of State Cash Fund.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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