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SB 19-202

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number:	LLS 19-0865	Date:	September 19, 2019
Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Danielson; Zenzinger Rep. Froelich	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: VOTING RIGHTS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

This bill requires the Department of State to establish procedures to enable voters with disabilities to mark a ballot using assistive technologies. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2019-20 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, the bill requires a cash fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of State.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-202**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditure	Cash Funds	\$50,000	-
Transfer		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of State to establish procedures to enable voters with disabilities to independently mark a paper ballot using nonvisual access or low vision access technology, whether the voter is voting in a mail ballot election or at a polling location.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase cash fund expenditures in the Department of State by \$50,000 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 online ballot delivery software for voters who cast their ballot pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). Specifically, the department will add a module to this system that will allow persons with disabilities to cast ballots electronically in a way that meets the accessibility requirements of the bill. Currently, UOCAVA voters are the only Colorado voters who cast ballots electronically. This software is currently provided by a vendor and the Department estimates the cost to update the software is \$50,000.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 29, 2019, and took effect on August 2, 2019.

State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State.

State and Local Government Contacts

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