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HB 20-1156

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Drafting Number:</b>	LLS 20-0726	<b>Date:</b>	July 10, 2020
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Froelich Sen. Zenzinger	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** CO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE ADMINISTRATION MODIFICATIONS

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**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

The bill makes various changes to the Colorado Municipal Election Code. The bill creates additional workload for the Department of State in FY 2020-21 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill makes various changes to the Colorado Municipal Election Code, including:

- adding an alternative affirmation to be included with absentee ballots for active military/overseas voters;
- eliminating the requirement for mail ballots to include a ballot stub and duplicate stub;
- changing the deadlines for filing candidate nominating petitions and withdrawing a nomination; and
- changing the wording of the self-affirmation that appears on the return envelope for mail ballots.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for the Department of State in FY 2020-21 only. The Information Technology division within the Department of State will need to make changes to the state website to reflect the change in law. This increase in workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

## Local Government

The bill will require municipal election clerks to update procedures and voting materials. These changes are not expected to significantly impact municipal workload or costs.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 20, 2020, and takes effect September 14, 2020, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties  
Personnel

County Clerks  
Secretary of State

Municipalities