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# Final Fiscal Note

**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0750  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Holtorf

**Date:** August 23, 2021  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**Bill Topic:** ELECTION INTEGRITY & VOTER ACCURACY

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill would have created the Colorado Bipartisan Election Commission. In FY 2021-22, it would have increased state expenditure and may have increased state revenue.

**Appropriation Summary:**

For FY 2021-22, this bill would have required an appropriation of \$5,699 to the Department of State.

**Fiscal Note Status:**

This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1176**

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Fund	\$5,699	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Colorado Bipartisan Election Commission, consisting of five members appointed by the Secretary of State (SOS). By December 1, 2021, the commission must prepare a report with recommendations to the SOS and the General Assembly on auditing the state's election processes. The report will determine the scope of the audit, the matters to be audited, and the procedures guiding the audit. The commission is repealed on September 1, 2022.

## State Revenue

This bill may increase state revenue in FY 2021-22 if the Department of State receives any gifts, grants, or donations for the commission. At the time of this writing, no source or amount of gifts, grants, or donations has been identified. State revenue from private donations are not subject to TABOR.

## State Expenditures

This bill will increase expenditures in the Department of State by \$5,699 in FY 2021-22. The bill requires that the department provide per diem and reimburse members for travel expenses for the five-member commission. These costs were calculated using the current state employee per diem and reimbursement rates. It is assumed that the commission will meet four times, and that at least two members will live more than 60 miles from Denver and require hotels and a larger mileage reimbursement. Costs are displayed in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under HB 21-1176**

	<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Department of State</b>		
Per Diem	\$1,000	-
Mileage Reimbursements	\$2,643	-
Hotels	\$1,600	-
Meals	\$456	-
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$5,699</b>	<b>-</b>

## Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee on March 29, 2021.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, this bill requires an appropriation of \$5,699 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State.

## State and Local Government Contacts

County Clerks

Secretary of State