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Fiscal Note

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| Drafting Number: | LLS 21-0971 | Date: | April 29, 2021 |
| Prime Sponsors: | Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez; Soper Sen. Gonzales | Bill Status: | House SCMVA |
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Bill Topic: MARRIAGE OR CIVIL UNION LICENSE PROCEDURES

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill authorizes county clerk and recorders to allow parties to a proposed marriage or civil union to satisfy certain requirements without appearing in person. The bill may increase local government expenditures through December 31, 2023.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes county clerks and recorders to allow parties to a prospective marriage or civil union to satisfy the requirement to appear in person by instead using mail, fax or other virtual methods. These alternative methods may be employed for the following four purposes: verifying application information, paying required fees, presenting proof that each party is at least 18 years old, and proving that the marriage is not prohibited.

The bill also encourages county clerks and recorders who allow use of these alternative methods, as well as the staff members who carry out duties on their behalf, to seek and receive training from a law enforcement agency concerning human trafficking in Colorado. The ability to use these alternative methods as allowed by the bill is repealed effective December 31, 2023.

Local Government

Following passage of this legislation, if a county clerk or recorder's office allows use of alternative methods to satisfy certain requirements as allowed by this bill, workload may increase to update their policies and procedures.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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| Counties | County Clerks | Human Services |
| Information Technology | Public Health and Environment | Public Safety |
| Sheriffs | | |