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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Ortiz	Bill Status:	House State Affairs
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Bill Topic:	BALLOT ACCESS FOR CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires that political parties provide video conferencing options during the conduct of precinct caucuses. The bill minimally increases workload in the Judicial Department and the Department of Regulatory Agencies beginning FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.
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Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that the General Assembly, the Secretary of State, and each political party ensure that the caucus process or any future process by which candidates gain access to an election ballot be accessible to persons with disabilities.

Within six months of the bill's effective date, any person must be able to participate in a precinct caucus or a party assembly with the use of video conferencing, except in those areas of the state that do not have access to a broadband network provider. Failure of a political party to comply constitutes discrimination on the basis of a disability, and is subject to legal relief in the courts, or through the Civil Rights Division in the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Persons alleging discriminatory practices or noncompliance with the bill may seek relief by filing a civil case with the courts or filing a complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission. If such cases occur, the trial courts in the Judicial Department would have a minimal increase in workload and a corresponding minimal increase in filing fee revenue. Revenue from filing fees is subject to TABOR. Workload could also increase in the Civil Rights Division in DORA to address any complaints filed with that office. The fiscal note assumes a high degree of compliance by political parties and that no change in appropriations is required for any agency.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial Law

Regulatory Agencies

Secretary of State

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).