



Legislative
Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

HB 20-1156

FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number: LLS 20-0726
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Froelich
Sen. Zenzinger

Date: January 24, 2020
Bill Status: House SVMA
Fiscal Analyst: Jeff Stupak | 303-866-5834
Jeff.Stupak@state.co.us

Bill Topic: **COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE ADMINISTRATION MODIFICATIONS**

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: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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 takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Personnel

County Clerks
Secretary of State

Municipalities