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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Fenberg; Pelton B.	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate State Affairs
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**Bill Topic:**                    **MODIFY CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION DEADLINES**

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<b>Summary of</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The concurrent resolution refers a constitutional amendment to Colorado voters that, if approved, changes deadlines related to certain elections filings. The resolution increases election-related expenditures in FY 2024-25 only.

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**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

If approved by voters at the 2024 election, this resolution changes deadlines for certain filings in elections. Deadlines for filing initiative petitions, referendum petitions, and declaration of intent for judges and justices will all be moved up one week. Under current law, nonpartisan research staff publish the text and titles of ballot measures at least 15 days before an election. This resolution extends that period to 45 days.

## State Expenditures

**Election expenditure impact — existing appropriations.** This bill includes a referred measure that will appear before voters at the November 2024 general election. While no additional appropriation is required, certain election costs are incurred by the state when ballot measures are referred. These include reimbursing counties for certain election costs; publishing the text and title of the measure in newspapers across the state; and preparing and mailing the ballot information booklet.

**Other state agencies.** The resolution may increase efficiencies for staff in the Secretary of State and the Legislative Department by increasing the time available to process certain elections filing. These impacts do not require any change in appropriations.

### **Effective Date**

If approved by voters at the 2024 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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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](#).