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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Fenberg; Pelton B. Rep. Brown; Frizzell	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Referred to Voters
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**Bill Topic:** **MODIFY CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION DEADLINES**

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

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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 final fiscal note reflects the adopted resolution.

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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, nonparty-isan 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.** Any impacts on state government are minimal. The measure may shift when petition signatures are reviewed for some ballot measures and will shift when ballot measure information is published in newspapers, but will not impact the associated costs.

## **Local Government**

By making certain deadlines for election filings sooner, the resolution may shift and reduce workload for county clerks and recorders. Staff will have additional time to format and translate ballots and to program election systems.

## **Effective Date**

If approved by voters at the November 2024 general election, the changes take effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days following the official canvass of the election results.

## **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](#).