

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1357 HB	Title: Voters' pamphlets overseas
-----------------------------	--

Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2021-23		2023-25		2025-27	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2021-23				2023-25				2025-27			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of the Secretary of State	.5	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	.5	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	.5	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000
Office of the Secretary of State	In addition to the estimate above,there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	0.5	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	0.5	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	0.5	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

Prepared by: Gwen Stamey, OFM	Phone: (360) 902-9810	Date Published: Final 2/ 3/2021
--------------------------------------	---------------------------------	--

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1357 HB	Title: Voters' pamphlets overseas	Agency: 085-Office of the Secretary of State
-----------------------------	--	---

Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE Staff Years	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	897,000	897,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000
Total \$	897,000	897,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☒ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

Legislative Contact: Jason Zolle	Phone: 360-786-7124	Date: 01/25/2021
Agency Preparation: Kathy Cody	Phone: (360) 704-5215	Date: 02/01/2021
Agency Approval: Mark Neary	Phone: 360-902-4186	Date: 02/01/2021
OFM Review: Gwen Stamey	Phone: (360) 902-9810	Date: 02/01/2021

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State to print and distribute a voters' pamphlet to service and overseas voters at the same time as the ballot. Additionally, it requires counties to distribute a local voters' pamphlet to the residence of every service or overseas voter.

For purposes of this fiscal note, we assume it is the intent of the Legislature that the voters' pamphlet is sent to the same location as the ballot.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Printing and composition

Because of the timing related to distribution of the voters' pamphlet at the same time as ballots, the voters' pamphlets required by this bill will require special production runs. We believe this will result in an additional six Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) editions for approximately 130,000 voters. Due to the increased size from combining more content into less editions, printing and composition costs associated with these six UOCAVA editions will be approximately \$89,000 more than our base budget per fiscal year.

Distribution

Distributing the voters' pamphlet to overseas voters would require additional steps and materials not required with pamphlets mailed to voters in the state using our normal methods. These additional steps include, but are not limited to: purchasing envelopes able to accommodate the voters' pamphlet, printing addresses on the envelope, insertion of the voters' pamphlet into the envelope, and distributing the envelope and pamphlet to USPS for shipment. We estimate this cost to be about \$72,000 per fiscal year.

Postage

Postage costs are significantly different from the voter pamphlet we currently mail to every household in Washington. Of the 130,000 UOCAVA voters currently registered in the state, 103,000 are military (APO/FPO) or non-overseas and would be mailed at a rates between \$1.00 and \$3.12, depending on the weight of the pamphlet. The cost to mail these pamphlets, 200 pages in length, is estimated at \$289,000 per fiscal year.

We assume OSOS would mail non-military overseas voters' pamphlets using methods prescribed by USPS (Notice 123) for international shipping. While the exact size of the pamphlet and the location are not known until the final contents are determined and the mailing list is finalized, based on currently available information we estimate the cost to mail 32,550 pamphlets at \$302,000 per fiscal year. Postage rates vary with both the weight of the pamphlet and the location the pamphlet is sent, but a 200 page pamphlet would cost between \$5.03 and \$11.26 per pamphlet, depending on location. In contrast, the 2020 General election voters' pamphlet cost an average of \$0.09532 per pamphlet to mail to voters in the state.

Election cost reimbursements

Following the passage of ESHB 2421, counties are required to produce a local voters' pamphlet for each special, primary, and general election. Counties will prorate costs of the local voters' pamphlet containing state offices for both odd-year and even-year elections. The local voters' pamphlet can contain state offices during odd-year primary elections, but during even-year primary elections, the number of candidates is drastically higher.

Costs associated with a primary pamphlet would be split among the jurisdictions by methods proscribed in the BARS manual. Because of the large number of factors used to calculate the prorated share of costs, the actual cost to the state could materially change from year-to-year. These factors include, but are not limited to, the number of jurisdictions in the election, the number of voters in each jurisdiction, the number of offices in each jurisdiction, and the number of candidates for each office.

The cost to the Office of the Secretary of State is indeterminate because the cost to produce and mail a pamphlet for UOCAVA voters is unknown. However, we can expect the total cost will be at least as much as the cost to produce the same number of state voters' pamphlets, assuming a pamphlet of similar size. We would then pay a prorated share of the total cost.

We would need an additional 0.5 FTE, consisting of approximately 10-15 temporary staff for about a month of part-time work to do the initial statement review and proofing. Because of the accelerated schedule needed to meet the deadline in this bill, we cannot use existing resources to accomplish this.

The statement review and proofing processes are labor intensive and time consuming involving teams of two reading each and every individual word of statements and ballot measures, word by word, as well as punctuation to each other to verify the statements are identical in every way to the statement or ballot measure submitted. This process is repeated by a second team and the results of the two teams are compared before sending the statement for final review and approval.

OSOS has included an additional indirect cost rate of 15% on most objects for administrative support associated with implementing this legislation. Support costs include, but are not limited to, IT support, payroll and accounting services, and human resource services shown in Object T. We have applied a flat fee of \$5,000 to expenditures related to Grants, Benefits, and Client Services because this reflects the level of effort required better than a standard percent.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
001-1	General Fund	State	897,000	897,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000
Total \$			897,000	897,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE Staff Years	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
A-Salaries and Wages	16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
B-Employee Benefits	9,000	9,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	755,000	755,000	1,510,000	1,510,000	1,510,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	117,000	117,000	234,000	234,000	234,000
9-					
Total \$	897,000	897,000	1,794,000	1,794,000	1,794,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Administrative Assistant 1	30,108	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total FTEs		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Identify acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and describe potential financing methods

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part IVB*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Secretary of State
Fiscal Impact HB 1357

Description	Fiscal Year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
FTE Costs	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
Salaries and Benefits	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Goods and Services	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Voter Pamphlet Costs	753,000.00	753,000.00	753,000.00	753,000.00
Voters' pamphlet distribution	72,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00
Voters' pamphlet postage - APO/FPO	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Voters' pamphlet postage - International	302,000.00	302,000.00	302,000.00	302,000.00
Voters' pamphlet postage - Non-Overseas	272,000.00	272,000.00	272,000.00	272,000.00
Voters' pamphlet printing	89,000.00	89,000.00	89,000.00	89,000.00
Other				
Indirect	117,000.00	117,000.00	117,000.00	117,000.00
Grand Total	897,000.00	897,000.00	897,000.00	897,000.00

2026	2027
27,000.00	27,000.00
25,000.00	25,000.00
2,000.00	2,000.00
753,000.00	753,000.00
72,000.00	72,000.00
18,000.00	18,000.00
302,000.00	302,000.00
272,000.00	272,000.00
89,000.00	89,000.00
117,000.00	117,000.00
897,000.00	897,000.00

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1357 HB	Title: Voters' pamphlets overseas	Agency: 100-Office of Attorney General
-----------------------------	--	---

Part I: Estimates

☒ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☐ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

Legislative Contact: Jason Zolle	Phone: 360-786-7124	Date: 01/25/2021
Agency Preparation: Amy Flanigan	Phone: 509-456-3123	Date: 01/27/2021
Agency Approval: Diana Arens	Phone: 3605869346	Date: 01/27/2021
OFM Review: Tyler Lentz	Phone: (360) 790-0055	Date: 02/03/2021

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

No fiscal impact. This legislation is not expected to generate any costs or savings for the Attorney General's Office (AGO). The AGO completed an analysis for legal services and fiscal impact from the most likely state agencies.

The AGO Agriculture & Health Division (AHD) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Department of Commerce (COM). COM was assigned this fiscal note request for its role in estimating the impact of bills on local governments. Commerce itself would not be given any new authorities or responsibilities under this bill. This won't generate any legal work for AHD. Costs are not included in this request.

The AGO Administration Division (ADM) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload. This bill will not impact ADM as the new duties identified are not ADM responsibilities. New legal services are nominal and costs are not included in this request.

The AGO Government Compliance & Enforcement Division (GCE) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS). This bill requires the SOS to distribute voters' pamphlets to overseas voters at the same time as the ballot is distributed. This bill also changes the date that fiscal impact statements or ballot measures must be filed with the SOS. GCE does not anticipate that this law will generate any new legal work. New legal services are nominal and costs are not included in this request.

The AGO Revenue & Finance Division (REV) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Office of Financial Management (OFM). The Solicitor General's Office (SGO) advises OFM on issues related to voter pamphlets. Costs are not included in this request.

The SGO has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase the division's workload in representing the OFM. This law will change the timing of some SGO advice for OFM and it may make it more rushed. The amount of legal services shouldn't be affected. Costs are not included in this request.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Identify acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and describe potential financing methods

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part IVB*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1357 HB	Title: Voters' pamphlets overseas	Agency: 105-Office of Financial Management
-----------------------------	--	---

Part I: Estimates

☒ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☐ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

Legislative Contact: Jason Zolle	Phone: 360-786-7124	Date: 01/25/2021
Agency Preparation: Jim Jenkins	Phone: 360-902-0403	Date: 01/27/2021
Agency Approval: Jamie Langford	Phone: 360-902-0422	Date: 01/27/2021
OFM Review: Tyler Lentz	Phone: (360) 790-0055	Date: 02/03/2021

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

This bill intent is to ensure that voters' pamphlets are distributed to service and overseas voters at the same time as the ballot.

Section 4 requires the OFM to prepare a fiscal impact statement for state ballot measures to be filed with the secretary of state no later than July 15th.

Section 5 provides guidance that if funding for this act is not provided by June 30, 2021, this act is null and void.

The changes related to this bill does not create a fiscal impact to the Office of Financial Management and any work related to these change can be done within current resources by reprioritizing workload.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Identify acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and describe potential financing methods

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part IVB*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Revised

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 1357 HB

Title: Voters' pamphlets overseas

Part I: Jurisdiction—Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- ☐ Cities:
- ☒ Counties: Costs for county auditors to prepare and mail local voters pamphlets
- ☐ Special Districts:
- ☐ Specific jurisdictions only:
- ☐ Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- ☐ No fiscal impacts.
- ☐ Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- ☐ Legislation provides local option:
- ☒ Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Number of counties executing interlocal agreements with Secretary of State; number of overseas and military voters in those counties; number of local elections

Estimated revenue impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Part III: Preparation and Approval

Fiscal Note Analyst: Allan Johnson	Phone: 360-725-5033	Date: 02/03/2021
Leg. Committee Contact: Jason Zolle	Phone: 360-786-7124	Date: 01/25/2021
Agency Approval: Alice Zillah	Phone: 360-725-5035	Date: 02/03/2021
OFM Review: Gwen Stamey	Phone: (360) 902-9810	Date: 02/03/2021

Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Provide a clear, succinct description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

A statewide voters' pamphlet must be sent to each household in which a service or overseas voters lives for general elections .

A local voters' pamphlet must be sent to the residence of every service or overseas voter who is registered to vote in the jurisdiction for all primary, special election, or general elections.

Pamphlets must be mailed at the same time as ballots.

The deadline for the OFM to submit fiscal impact statements for state ballot measures, which are included in the statewide voters' pamphlet, is moved from August 10 to July 15.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Briefly describe and quantify the expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments, identifying the expenditure provisions by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineate between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation would increase costs to county auditors by an indeterminate amount . Costs would be primarily associated with including a local voter's pamphlet in the ballot packages that are mailed to Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters . These cost impacts are anticipated to occur for all counties and would be incurred for primary, special or general local elections. Because pamphlets must be mailed only to voters registered in jurisdictions that are conducting elections there may be some voters that do not receive some voter pamphlets for certain elections. Costs for counties to incorporate the pamphlet within UOCAVA packets in order to comply with this requirement were recently estimated at approximately \$0.70 per ballot/election mailed to a UOCAVA voter. If increased costs were incurred for all UOCAVA voters, total expenditures could reach up to \$91,000 per election. However, the exact amount is not known and is indeterminate at this time. Some counties may establish intergovernmental agreements with the Office of the Secretary of State to have local election information included within the state voter pamphlet and associated costs are indeterminate . Increased costs associated with the production of additional voters pamphlets is not known and therefore the fiscal impact for these costs cannot be estimated at this time.

DISCUSSION:

Based upon feedback from several county auditors, it is likely that costs to incorporate the local voter's pamphlet within the ballot package to UOCAVA voters would cost approximately \$0.70 per voter related to purchase of larger envelopes and labor to insert the pamphlets into the ballot package. This analysis assumes that the cost of postage would be covered if the voter's pamphlet is sent in conjunction with the ballot. The Washington State Association of County Auditors indicates that the United States Postal Service does not cover mailing costs for pamphlets mailed separately from the ballot and counties would incur substantial increases in postage charges if mailing occurred separately. For the purposes of analysis, it is assumed that all pamphlets will be distributed in the same packet as the ballots.

The total number of local elections subject to this requirement annually is not known and will likely vary depending upon factors such as the number of special elections called in those jurisdictions.

The Office of the Secretary of State estimates that there are 130,000 UOCAVA voters in 2021, and that all UOCAVA voters would receive state voter pamphlets directly from the SOS during general elections in which a statewide measure or office is included on the ballot . Local voter pamphlets are not prepared by every county as some may contract with the SOS to incorporate information on their local elections within the state voter pamphlet. Costs to reimburse the SOS for these jurisdictions that have interlocal agreements with the SOS is not known. The number of counties that prepare local voter pamphlets and the number of voters within those counties is not known and therefore costs cannot be estimated.

If all UOCAVA voters in 2021 received voters pamphlets, total costs associated with mailing these pamphlets are estimated at \$91,000 (130,000 voters x .70 per packet = \$91,000) per election.

Costs to produce an additional number of local voters pamphlets for mailing cannot be estimated at this time . Typically jurisdictions have an excess number of local voters pamphlets printed and it is not known if this surplus would be sufficient for distribution to all UOCAVA voters.

Increases in the costs of envelopes or labor used to insert the pamphlets into the voter's packet would increase the cost per ballot assumption. In addition, the number of UOCAVA voters could increase. These variables cannot be predicted.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Briefly describe and quantify the revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, identifying the revenue provisions by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineate between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation contains language indicating that funding to local governments for costs associated with this bill must be provided in the omnibus appropriations act by July 31, 2021 or this act is deemed null and void. These costs are indeterminate at this time.

SOURCES:

Benton County

Cowlitz County

Office of the Secretary of State

Pierce County

Washington State Association of County Auditors