

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1916 HB	<b>Title:</b> Voter registrations
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2025-27		2027-29		2029-31	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Total						

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Administrative Office of the Courts	.0	3,500	3,500	3,500	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Administrative Office of the Courts	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

# Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1916 HB	<b>Title:</b> Voter registrations	<b>Agency:</b> 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
State FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	3,500		3,500		
State Subtotal \$	3,500		3,500		
COUNTY	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
County FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal \$					
CITY	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
City FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

*The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.*

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 for 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.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact on the Courts

This bill modifies requirements for removing registrations of alleged decedents, canceling inactive registrations, and challenging voting right on grounds person does not reside at address on registration.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

### II. C - Expenditures

The bill would require 5 hours of forms updates. This is estimated to be \$3,500 in FY 2026.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

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#### III. A - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (State)

<i>State</i>	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Wages					
Employee Benefits					
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services	3,500		3,500		
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>3,500</b>		<b>3,500</b>		

#### III. B - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (County)

NONE

#### III. C - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (City)

NONE

#### III. D - FTE Detail

NONE

#### III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B1 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (State)

NONE

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**IV. B2 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (County)**

NONE

**IV. B3 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (City)**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

None

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1916 HB	<b>Title:</b> Voter registrations	<b>Agency:</b> 085-Office of the Secretary of State
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## 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:

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- 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.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

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

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Sections 6(3)(a) and 3(1)(c)(ii) amend RCW 29A.08.840 and RCW 29A.08.810, respectively, requiring the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) to provide a form that county auditors shall use to notify a voter of any challenge(s) in voting eligibility, sent by forwardable certified mail to the address provided in the voter registration record, and any other addresses at which the challenged voter is alleged to reside, or the county auditor reasonably expects the voter to receive notice.

Section 6(4)(a) requires OSOS to create a standard hearing notification form sent by certified forwardable mail and email to the address provided in the voter registration record, and any other addresses at which the challenged voter is alleged to reside, or the county auditor reasonably expects the voter to receive notice.

OSOS will develop and share standard templates for both the voter challenge and the hearing notification forms using existing resources. OSOS estimates that the combined effort to implement these changes would total fewer than 50 hours of work, allowing the agency to absorb the task within existing operations.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

No Impact.

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

No Impact.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals 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**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

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

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

NONE

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

**Bill Number:** 1916 HB

**Title:** Voter registrations

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

## Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- 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:

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Agency Approval: Allan Johnson	Phone: 360-725-5033	Date: 02/14/2025
OFM Review: Marie Davis	Phone: (360) 890-1163	Date: 02/16/2025

## **Part IV: Analysis**

### **A. SUMMARY OF BILL**

*Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.*

The proposed legislation would amend county auditors' processes for handling voter registration challenges.

Sec. 1 would amend RCW 29A.08.510.

It would clarify that only upon receipt of a signed statement from a registered voter that says that to the best of the person's knowledge, another registered voter is deceased may the voter's registration be removed from the official state voter registration list.

Sec. 2 would amend RCW 29A.08.630.

The county auditor would be required to cancel an inactive voter registration when:

- (a) the auditor receives and confirms information under RCW 29A.08.510 that a voter has died;
- (b) the auditor receives information that the voter registered to vote in another state; or
- (c) the auditor receives a signed, written notification from the voter that the voter moved out of state, or that the voter wishes to have their registration canceled. The auditor shall verify that the signature on the notification matches the signature in the voter registration file prior to cancelling the registration.

Sec. 3 would amend RCW 29A.08.810.

The personal knowledge required to challenge a person's right to vote would be amended. The proposed legislation would also allow a registered voter from the same county to challenge another registered voter if the person files a completed voter registration challenge form. The challenger would be required to file a separate affidavit for each voter whose registration is challenged, subject to the penalties of perjury under chapter 9A.72 RCW. Each affidavit would be required to be signed in ink, not electronically.

Sec. 5 would amend RCW 29A.08.835.

The county auditor would have 10 business days to publish the entire content of a voter challenge on the auditor's website, rather than the three-day limit that they have currently. Additionally, the bill would allow the voter challenge to be removed from the website 45 days following the dismissal or completion of the challenge.

Sec. 6 would amend RCW 29A.08.840.

Auditors would be required, rather than allowed, to dismiss a voter challenge if it is not in proper form or if the facts do not meet the requirements for a legal challenge.

It would also allow county auditors to conduct an initial review of the merits of a voter challenge. If the auditor determines that the challenge is more likely than not to lack merit, then the county auditor may dismiss the challenge. The challenger may refile the challenge with additional evidence. The proposed legislation would also outline all materials that county auditors would be required to provide to a challenged voter, and to any person upon request.

### **B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS**

*Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

Local governments would experience a de minimis impact as a result of the proposed legislation. County auditors' processes would change for voter registration challenges, but any additional time required to complete the new processes would be minimal, according to the Washington State Association of County Auditors. As such, the local government fiscal impact is de minimis.

## **C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS**

*Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

The proposed legislation would not impact local government revenue.

### **SOURCES:**

Washington State Association of County Auditors