

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1114 HB	Title: Candidates' statements
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2005-07		2007-09		2009-11	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Total \$						

Local Gov. Courts *						
Local Gov. Other **						
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Expenditures

Agency Name	2005-07			2007-09			2009-11		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	98,910	98,910	.0	179,550	179,550	.0	98,910	98,910
Total	0.0	\$98,910	\$98,910	0.0	\$179,550	\$179,550	0.0	\$98,910	\$98,910

Local Gov. Courts *									
Local Gov. Other **									
Local Gov. Total									

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* See Office of the Administrator for the Courts judicial fiscal note

** See local government fiscal note

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

FUND					
Total \$					

Estimated Expenditures from:

	FY 2006	FY 2007	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
Fund					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	98,910	98,910	179,550	98,910
Total \$	0	98,910	98,910	179,550	98,910

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.

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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.

Section 1(1) amending RCW 29A.32.121 would allow candidates to submit a 1000-word statement for posting to the Secretary of State’s website. The 1000-word statement would be in addition to the current word limits allowed in RCW 29A.32.121, which are set according to the office sought: state representative, 100 words; state senator, judge of the superior court, judge of the court of appeals, justice of the supreme court, and all state offices voted upon throughout the state, except that of governor, 200 words; president and vice president, United States senator, United States representative, and governor, 300 words. An additional 1000-word statement (which would be different from the printed voters' pamphlet statement) would add another layer to this process requiring additional resources to prepare them for posting on the website.

This fiscal note reflects the estimated cost to prepare the 1000 word statements for posting to the Secretary of State’s website.

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.

Section 1 (1) allows candidates statements up to one thousand words be posted on the Secretary of State or county auditors web sites. It is assumed in this fiscal note these costs would occur in the following even year elections:

Election			
Year	FY	Biennium	Cost
2006	2007	2005-07	\$98,910
2008	2009	2007-09	\$179,550
2010	2011	2009-11	\$98,910

No costs are assumed in the odd year elections because it would be extraordinary to have a statewide office vacated in an odd year.

Currently, when candidates file with OSOS they are advised about the deadlines and standards they must meet regarding their statements for the Voters Pamphlet and online Voters Guide. OSOS is required by law to reject any statement which contains obscene, profane, libelous or defamatory language. OSOS will also correct incidental errors of spelling, grammar and punctuation that would prejudice the candidate's statement or confuse voters. The standards for statement style and format are:

- * Statements must be typewritten and double-spaced in standard paragraph style. Statements (without any formatting) may be submitted on a CD in MS Word; pictures may be included on the same disk.
- * Tables, lists or other material requirign multiple indents may not be used and italics may be used only to add special emphasis to words or statements.

While most candidate statements meet the current standards we cannot know that without examining them. Therefore,

before the candidate statements are published electronically or in print the contracted vendor completes the following process:

- *each statement must be checked for language issues; proofread for spelling, grammar and punctuation errors.
- *corrected as appropriate and "deformatted" if necessary (meaning boldface, underlines, etc. are removed).
- *entered into the computer.
- *proofread twice more.
- *candidate contact if problems arise during this process.
- *OSOS review of each statement to make sure all standards are met.
- *text converted to HTML to post online.
- *statements and photos are coded for special characters and formatting for online placement.
- *contract staff review each statement for correct coding, completeness and photo placement.
- *statement is mailed to the candidate for their review.

This fiscal note assumes the above established standards and process would be applied to the 1000-word statement and result in increased contract services.

COST ASSUMPTIONS:

Based on the 2004 election (presidential year) approximately 570 candidate statements were prepared for publication (print and web). To prepare 570 candidate 1,000 word statements for online posting would take approximately 7 hours per statement @ \$45 per hour for a total of \$179,550 in a presidential election year.

Non-presidential years would be less because the ballot contains fewer offices. Based on the 2002 election with approximately 314 candidate 1,000 word statements for online posting is estimated at a cost of \$98,910 in non-presidential years.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2006	FY 2007	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Personal Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Services		98,910	98,910	179,550	98,910
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					
Total:	\$0	\$98,910	\$98,910	\$179,550	\$98,910

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development

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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:

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

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

Candidates' statements that appear on the county auditors' web site may contain up to one thousand words.

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.

There is no impact on local government expenditures.

DISCUSSION:

The existing limits on candidates' statements included in the voters' pamphlets would not change. The maximum number of words is three hundred for federal candidates.

The number of counties that display candidates' statements on a web site is unknown. However, it is assumed that counties could link their web sites to the Office of the Secretary of State's web site to assist citizen access to the majority of candidates' statements. As a result, setting a maximum limit of one thousand words for statements appearing on county web sites would have negligible impact on county expenditures.

SOURCE:

Washington Association of County Officials
Office of the Secretary of State

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.

None.