

**BDR 24-1090**  
**SB 405**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 11, 2023

Agency Submitting: Local Government

<b>Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2022-23</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2023-24</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2024-25</b>	<b>Effect on Future Biennia</b>
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached.

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The following responses from local governments were compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division can neither verify nor comment on the figures provided by the individual local governments.

Local Government Responses  
**S.B. 405 / BDR 24 - 1090**

<p>City/County: <b>Clark County</b>                  Approved by: Rachel Stevens, Principal Management Analyst                  Comment: The bill would require a voter who votes by mail ballot to include the last four digits of their social security number or their driver's license number on the return envelope of the mail ballot. The Clark County Election Department would be required to verify the identifying numbers written on the return envelope match the voter records. Additionally, the bill would require the return envelope sent with the mail ballot to include a flap to cover the signature and identifying numbers of the voter. Fiscal impacts include estimated costs for the Clark County Election Department to redo its mail ballot return envelopes to include the flap and a space for the identifying information. The department has attempted making changes to its envelopes to cover the signatures in the past, which has resulted in complications and delays with mail sorting at the post office. There could also be some additional cost related to staff time needed to verify the identifying numbers written on the return envelope.</p>				
Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$2,275,000	\$2,275,000	\$4,550,000

<p>City/County: <b>Douglas County</b>                  Approved by: Amy Burgans, Douglas County Clerk/Treasurer                  Comment: Unknown amount as it would completely change the current mail ballot process. There may be a cost expense or a cost savings.</p>				
Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<p>City/County: <b>Elko County</b>                  Approved by: Susan Paprocki, Comptroller                  Comment: This bill could potentially lead to some cost savings, but unable to determine the full amount of savings.</p>				
Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Humboldt County**

Approved by: Jessica Koepke, Deputy Clerk

Comment: There would be a significant fiscal impact to Humboldt County in regards to SB 405. The largest cost would initially be in programming costs in relation to transitioning from signature verification to identity verification both in the voter registration management system used to track paper ballots and the e-pollbook used to check in voters for in-person voting, a reliable estimate cannot be given as the current voter registration vendor used in Humboldt County cannot accommodate this change. There would be a fiscal impact based on the need to launch a voter outreach and education program to inform and educate voters in the form of mailings, social media and website, and printing and advertising in local publications. However some cost would be negated by the cost savings of not sending out paper ballots to all voters. The actual cost cannot be determined at this time.

<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Lyon County**

Approved by: Josh Foli, Comptroller

Comment: There should be a significant cost savings in using fewer mail-in ballots and the associated postage (shown as a negative figure).

There will likely be an additional cost for adding the option of additional types of voter id into the voter system.

<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
Has Impact	\$0	(\$33,000)	(\$35,000)	(\$70,000)

City/County: **Pershing County**

Approved by: Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant

Comment:

<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Washoe County**

Approved by: Cadence Matijevich, Government Affairs Liaison

Comment: Section 3 of this bill requires the DMV to issue a voter identification card at no charge to certain individuals. Such individuals must be registered voters in this state. It is unclear in the bill as to how the DMV would validate that an individual requesting such a card is a registered voter, but it is anticipated that such process would likely require participation from county election officials. If indeed county election officials are required to participate in such process, Washoe County would incur new expenses in the form of staff time and/or system modifications to allow for such validation to take place in a secure electronic manner.

Section 15 of this bill establishes a limit on the number of mail ballots an individual may return to county election officials during any given election. It is unclear in the bill how this limitation will be tracked so that no more than the permitted number of ballots are accepted from an individual by election officials across the state, but such tracking would be necessary to ensure that this provision is not violated. It is anticipated that Washoe County would need to procure and implement a software system to track this information and/or would need expend staff time to collect and track such information. Because the scope of Washoe County's responsibilities to ensure the provisions of Section 15 are not violated is unclear, a reliable estimate for these expenses cannot be determined.

<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **City of Boulder City**

Approved by: Angela Manninen, Acting Finance Director

Comment:

<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **City of Henderson**

Approved by: Mike Cathcart, Business Operations Manager

Comment: No significant fiscal impact to the City of Henderson.

<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: <b>City of Las Vegas</b> Approved by: Jackie Bruno, Management Analyst I Comment:				
<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: <b>City of Reno</b> Approved by: Jordan Hosmer-Henner, Urban Economist Comment: There is the potential for cost savings to the Registrar from the reduction in number of mailed ballots that could be passed onto the City.				
<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: <b>City of Sparks</b> Approved by: Jeff Cronk, Chief Financial Officer Comment:				
<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: <b>City of West Wendover</b> Approved by: Alina Ceballos, Chief Financial Officer Comment: no fiscal impact				
<b>Impact</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Future Biennia</b>
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The following cities/counties did not provide a response: Carson City, Churchill County, Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Lander County, Lincoln County, Mineral County, Nye County, Storey County, White Pine County, City of Caliente, City of Carlin, City of Elko, City of Ely, City of Fallon, City of Fernley, City of Mesquite, City of North Las Vegas, City of Wells, City of Winnemucca, and City of Yerington.