

BDR 24-365 AB 242

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 6, 2023

Agency Submitting: City of Las Vegas

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

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This bill is vague in identifying additional tasks for the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters that might have fiscal impacts. Without an election service interlocal in place, we have no idea if the Registrar of Voters would push additional costs to comply with this bill, down to us (the Cities). Additional explanation is attached as Exhibit 1. (Explanation exceeded character limit)

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DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

BDR/Bill/Amendment Number: 24-365

Name of Agency: CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Division/Department: GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date: FEBRUARY 15, 2023

1. Sec. 4, NRS 293.2693 is adding wording stating that the County or City Clerk shall provide a voter education program specific to the voting system used by the county or city. Other than directing that the program must include education regarding the effect of overvoting and the procedures for correcting a ballot before it is cast and counted, as well as information on how to obtain a replacement ballot, there is no way to estimate the costs of a vaguely defined education program. It could be as cheap as putting information up on our web and maybe producing a couple of PSAs with KCLV that talked directly to the subjects listed... and as expensive as a couple of million dollars to send information, several times a year to all registered voters.
2. Sec. 7, NRS 293.363, ...after the polls are closed, the counting board shall count the ballots voted...the counting procedure must be public and continue without adjournment until complete. The cost to run a count board 24 x 7, in addition to security and other support staff needed will be pushed down to the Cities. However, at this time, we have no idea what that cost would look like.
3. Sec. 8, item 6 states that if the location of a polling place has changed since the last election, the county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the county no sooner than 10 days before distributing the sample ballots or the sample ballots must include a notice in bold type immediately above the location that states..... This additional printing and mailing cost will be pushed down to the Cities. Without an interlocal in place, we cannot determine the fiscal impact.
4. Sec. 8, item 13 states that the cost of distributing sample ballots for any election other than a primary, presidential preference or general is the responsibility of the Cities. That means if we need to have a special election, statute clearly states that we (the City) will have to pay the cost of printing and mailing the sample ballot. But, it does not speak to all the other election responsibilities that have associated costs. As an example, the City of Henderson was going to have an all-city Special election to fill an unexpired seat of a council person. They were given a quote of \$1.5 million to just cover that special election. The City of Henderson has fewer registered voters than the City of Las Vegas, so it is easy to extrapolate that our bill would be much higher.
5. Sec. 17, Item 6 states that each city clerk and all election board officers (that work a polling location/vote center) must complete training in the use of the voting booths and specialty equipment for ADA-compliant voting. Currently, Vote Center staff are trained in specific roles. This part of the bill would require all staff to be trained on the ADA equipment, which would be a financial strain as well as a resource strain for Clark County. They would surely push the cost of finding and training all those individuals down to the Cities.
6. Sec. 18, NRS 293C.362 has same stipulations as number 3, above. 24x7 count board, security and support staff costs will be pushed down to the cities.
7. Sec. 19 NRS 293C.530 is the same as item 4 from above.