

HF204 - 0 - Electronic Voter Rosters Modified

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2 Dollars in Thousands	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-

Bill Description

House File 204 modifies the technology requirements for electronic voter rosters (also known as electronic pollbooks) to allow for the electronic capture of a signature. Current law requires that an electronic voter roster print the voter signature certificate and voter registration application, if applicable, and requires that a voter sign those printed documents. The changes in House File 204 would allow a voter to sign digitally, but maintains the requirement that a paper record be printed in addition to the electronic file.

Assumptions

Electronic voter rosters are purchased, certified, and maintained at the local level. There are no state programming IT costs associated with this change. There may be training and updates to elections administrator guides required, but as the Office of Secretary of State (OSS) updates training and guides on a regular basis, there will be no additional costs associated with this change.

As it relates to local costs, House File 204 is permissive, and does not require that a county capture electronic signatures. If a county chose to capture electronic signatures, the only vendor of electronic voter rosters currently deployed in Minnesota supports the capture of electronic signatures.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

None.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

None.

Local Fiscal Impact

None.

References/Sources

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