

**HF3068 - 1A - Voter Data Exclusion Allowed; Presidential Primary**

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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  |

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| State Cost (Savings)  | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |        |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
|                       | FY2019   | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022   | FY2023 |
| Dollars in Thousands  |          |        |        |          |        |
| General Fund          | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Total</b>          | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Biennial Total</b> |          |        | -      |          | -      |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |        |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                      | FY2019   | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022   | FY2023 |
| General Fund                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |

**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**

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

| <b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>                        |        | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |   |
|--|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|---|
| Dollars in Thousands                                     | FY2019 | FY2020   | FY2021 | FY2022 | FY2023   |   |
| General Fund   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | - |
| <b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b> |        |          |        |        |          |   |
| General Fund   |        |          |        |        |          |   |
| Expenditures   | -      | 8        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| Absorbed Costs   | -      | (8)      | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | - |
| <b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>                       |        |          |        |        |          |   |
| General Fund   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | - |

**Bill Description**

This bill provides the Presidential Primary Political Party list to a single representative of the national committee of each major party, and only for the purposes of verifying compliance with national party rules governing the nomination of a candidate for President of the United States.

Prior to receiving the Presidential Primary Political Party list the representative must provide written acknowledgement that the list must not be distributed to any other person or used for any other purpose, subject to Chapter 13 remedies and penalties. The amendment added on February 18, 2020 in committee also requires that the party provide the secretary of state with a written confirmation of receipt of the data, as the secretary of state must delete the voter’s party choice data within ten days after the party acknowledges receipt.

Upon a signed statement by a voter that the voter wishes to be removed from the Presidential Primary Political Party list, the secretary of state and county auditor must remove all data on that voter from the list. The secretary of state is to create and make available on the website of the office a form that voters may use to request this data removal.

**Assumptions**

The Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) is already programmed to produce a list for these purposes. Similarly, SVRS already has a function that allows voters to opt out of the Public Information List described in M.S. 201.091, where the voter record is marked as “protected”. To distinguish between voters who opt-out of the Public Information List and voters who opt-out of the Presidential Primary Political Party list there will need to be an additional tag created within SVRS.

The Office and county election administrators already have standard procedures in place for removing people from the Public Information List, and therefore it is not expected that there are any additional workload for removing voters from the Presidential Primary Political Party list. Presumably, voters would request this removal prior to the data being transmitted to the party.

The deletion of all voter’s party choice data from the SVRS system en masse, will require 40 hours of programming.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

Estimated Secretary of State programming costs for adding an additional protected field:

52 hours @ \$85/hour = \$4,420

Estimate Secretary of State programming costs for programming a function to remove all voter's party choice data:

40 hours @ \$85/hour = \$3,400

Estimated Secretary of State staff time for creating a form to be posted on our website for download by voters wishing to have their data deleted from the list:

3 hours @ \$50/hour = \$ 150.

The Secretary of State is able to absorb the costs identified as part of ongoing operational activities associated with the work of the office. These activities are not anticipated to displace any other work of the office.

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

None.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

None.

**References/Sources**

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I have reviewed the content of this fiscal note and believe it is a reasonable estimate of the expenditures and revenues associated with this proposed legislation.

If Information Technology costs are included, my agency's Chief Information Officer has reviewed the estimate.

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