

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	17,124		2,229,281	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	17,124		2,229,281	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 687 changes provisions related to recall elections.

Section 2 requires the state to be responsible for all costs of the recall procedure, any special election, or costs incurred related to a canceled election for a person holding a state elective office that is subject to a recall petition.

Section 3 provides definitions for “Official” and “State elective office”.

The Secretary of State estimates ongoing costs associated with filing clerk duties, equipment, licenses and supplied to be \$15,408 per year. The first year’s cost is slightly higher to enable payment for capital items (computer, desk, etc.) The first year cost is estimated to be \$17,124. Even if there are no petitions for recall, staffing would need to be available to address the potential for such situations.

In fiscal year 2017/18, the Secretary of State assumes is one statewide recall petition and one statewide recall election. The estimated cost for this is \$2,213,580. The major cost factor in this for 7,000 poll workers for 14 hours at a rate of \$9 per hour (\$882,000). The Secretary of State breaks down the costs of such an election in their response for comment (see attached). There is no basis to disagree with these estimates, however, it should be noted that \$541,500 is included for equipment maintenance. It is unclear why such a cost should be included as a result of the bill’s provisions. Presumably, equipment maintenance occurs regardless of recall elections.

Since the true cost of the bill’s provisions cannot be accurately identified due to the prospective nature of such elections and the scope of any potential need, the Secretary of State’s estimates are being used.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 687	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Secretary of State	
REVIEWED BY: Robin Kilgore		DATE: 1-15-16	PHONE: 471-4180
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with agency estimate of fiscal impact.			

Please complete ALL (5) blanks in the first three lines.

2016

LB⁽¹⁾ 687

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Secretary of State

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Joyce Woofter

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/14/16

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2384

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>17,124</u>	<u></u>	<u>2,229,281</u>	<u></u>
CASH FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

LB 687 establishes a recall process for state elective offices and requires the Secretary of State to act as the filing clerk for recalls of an official elected or appointed to a state elective office. As the filing clerk the Secretary of State must accept recall affidavits, notify the official sought to be removed, accept defense statements, send notifications regarding the recall effort, provide petition papers, and maintain the record with regard to the recall effort. Section 8 requires the Secretary of State as the filing clerk to ascertain whether the petition is signed by the requisite number of registered voters. Should the requisite number of signatures be collected, Section 9 requires the Secretary of State to order the recall election. Section 2 provides that the state shall be responsible for all costs of the recall procedure, any special election, or costs incurred related to a canceled election.

The costs set forth in FY17 are for the ongoing expenses associated with the filing clerk duties and assume one statewide petition is printed. Ongoing costs include staff, equipment, licenses, and supplies.

The costs associated with FY18 include the ongoing costs and assume the verification of one statewide recall petition and the conducting of one statewide recall election.

The FY 18 costs can be broken down as follows:

Verification of 210,000 signatures	\$115,500
Ballot programming for 1370 precincts	\$115,080
Printing 1,150,000 ballots	\$322,000
1100 polling sites	\$27,500
7000 poll workers for 14 hours at a rate of \$9/hr	\$882,000
Notices of election and sample ballot	\$60,000
Early voting postage	\$150,000
Equipment maintenance	\$541,500

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Administrative Assistant I	.25	.25	10,177	10,432
Benefits.....			1,537	1,575
Operating.....			3,694	2,217,274
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			1,716	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			17,124	2,229,281