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LB 163

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	66,450		66,846	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	66,450		66,846	

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

LB 163 removes the limitation of “any county with less than ten thousand inhabitants” that currently applies to counties that may utilize mailed ballots in place of establishing polling places for such precincts.

The Secretary of State estimates the need for 1.0 FTE to address the impact of LB 163. Based on 2015 population figures, as reported in the Nebraska Blue Book 2016-17, sixty-six counties had populations under 10,000. It is possible that all sixty-six counties would opt for mailed ballots. The FTE required by the Secretary of State would oversee the application process and requirements, review new applications, follow-up with counties regarding requests, respond to question or omissions in the applications, discuss modifications to the county plan if needed, and prepare documentation regarding the request.

The Secretary of State’s estimate appears to be reasonable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	163	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Secretary of State
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	1-29-19
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Secretary of State’s assessment of fiscal impact.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Secretary of State's Office

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$66,450		\$66,846	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$66,450</u>		<u>\$66,846</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 163 removes the existing statutory population threshold for counties that wish to conduct elections by mail in lieu of establishing polling places for such precincts. The bill would allow any county clerk or election commissioner to apply to the Secretary of State for approval to allow voting by mail for all elections for any or all of the precincts in the county.

As the law would allow all counties to apply to the Secretary of State for by-mail voting, we will need one (1) additional full-time Elections Coordinator specifically devoted to by-mail application requests and the by-mail program. This person will oversee the application process and requirements, review new applications, follow-up with counties regarding their requests, respond to questions or omissions in the application, discuss modifications to the county plan if needed, and prepare documentation regarding the request. In addition, it is anticipated that this person will amend the existing program rules and regulations (which will need to be amended as a result of the legislation), and provide ongoing education and training materials to local election officials and the general public regarding the application process and by-mail voting.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Elections Coordinator	1.0	1.0	\$48,000	\$48,960
Benefits.....			\$16,800	\$17,136
Operating.....			\$1,650	\$750
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$66,450</u>	<u>\$66,846</u>