



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

<b>Bill information:</b>	
HB0402 - Revise elector registration laws (Bedey, David )	
<b>Status:</b> As Introduced	

- Significant Local Gov Impact     
 Needs to be included in HB 2     
 Technical Concerns  
 Included in the Executive Budget     
 Significant Long-Term Impacts     
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary	\$33,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$75,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 402 requires the Office of the Secretary of State to adopt rules regarding procedures for verifying citizenship status of new voter registration applicants. If passed, this bill will require system changes to enhance the Secretary of State's election and voter registration management system and the Department of Justice's Credential and Registration System.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

##### Office of the Secretary of State

1. It is assumed that a one-time system change will be necessary for functionality enhancements within the Office of the Secretary of State's election and voter management system to interface with a citizenship verification database. The estimated vendor cost is \$33,750 in FY 2024.
2. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact for personal services costs related to the implementation of system changes, system testing, procedure development, election administrator training, and administrative rulemaking, the Office of the Secretary of State can absorb these costs within its existing operating budget.

**Department of Justice**

3. The Department of Justice will develop a standalone module for the Credential and Registration System (CARS) which will also need to interface with existing systems. The department estimates their vendor will spend 300-500 hours, at a cost of \$75,000, to implement the requirements of HB 402.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services				
Operating Expenses - SOS	\$33,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses - Justice	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$108,750</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary Fund	\$33,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$108,750</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

**Montana Association of Counties**

1. There is no significant local government fiscal impact to implement this proposed legislation.

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