



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0892 - Prohibit double voting (Hellegaard, Lyn)

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$1,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 892 revises voting limits, prohibits double voting, and provides a penalty, definition, and an appropriation. There is no fiscal impact to the state from HB 892.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Office of the Secretary of State

1. There is a general fund appropriation of \$1,000 provided in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025.

Commissioner of Political Practices

2. Should HB 892 pass, it will add additional prohibitions to existing statute housed in Title 13, Chapter 35, Part 2. The Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP) currently maintains jurisdiction over alleged violations of Title 13, Chapter 35, Part 2.
3. The Commissioner of Political Practices anticipates receiving few complaints alleging violation of 13-35-210 that require prosecution that would fall to COPP, and that the agency could adequately investigate and enforce these under current staffing and budget. Should a substantial number of complaints alleging violation of 13-

35-210 be received that require prosecution that would fall to COPP, the agency may require supplemental funds.

4. The Commissioner of Political Practices will note that, as a state agency located solely in Helena, any investigation into and enforcement of alleged violations of 13-35-210 under HB 892 would require cooperation with, and support from, local government agencies in the locality where the alleged violations occurred, including local law enforcement, the county elections administrator, and the county attorney. The Commissioner of Political Practices cannot speak to any impact such activity may have on any local government agency's budget or operations.



Sponsor's Initials

3/31/2023
Date



Budget Director's Initials

3-30-23
Date