

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
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 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Persons with a disability requiring assistance in voting	

VOTERS/VOTING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to voting by a person who has a disability

Present law provides for assistance in voting on election day and during early voting. Furthermore, present law requires persons seeking assistance in voting to file certain documentation with the registrar of voters prior to voting or present certain documentation to election officials at the polls. Proposed law retains present law and also provides that a person may receive voting assistance after submitting a completed and signed voter registration application attesting the voter has a physical disability and requires assistance in voting. Furthermore, proposed law also provides that a person may receive voting assistance on election day after submitting a completed and signed form provided by the Secretary of State to precinct staff attesting the voter has a physical disability and requires assistance in voting.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGF expenditures for the Secretary of State’s Elections program by an estimated \$10,000 in FY 18 to print and distribute election day forms to be completed and signed by persons requiring assistance in voting. Additional forms may be printed as necessary in future FYs to the extent the initial printing is exhausted and more forms are required.

The Secretary of State reports an anticipated expenditure of \$10,000 to print the new forms based upon the last printing of the Voter Identification Affidavit, a similar half-page form. For reference, the last printing of the Voter Identification Affidavit cost approximately \$22,000 for 83,000 sets of 25 affidavits, approximately \$0.27 per set of 25 affidavits. The Secretary of State anticipates fewer persons requiring the new form outlined in the proposed law, and therefore can print and distribute fewer forms to precincts, and has planned for a lower expenditure as a result.

For reference, to the extent the half-page form is printed in sets of 25 affidavits for a per-unit cost similar to the Voter Identification Affidavits, \$10,000 in expenditures would yield approximately 37,000 sets of 25 forms, or 925,000 total forms to be distributed to precincts. The Secretary of State has indicated that these forms can be used for any election, and that a new printing may not be required annually to the extent the supply of forms is not exhausted. In the event the Secretary of State determines that fewer forms are needed, the department’s anticipated expenditures will likely be lower than \$10,000.

In addition, the Secretary of State indicates that forms will be available on-demand electronically for early voting locations to print out as needed.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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