



**Colorado  
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**HB16-1012**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0636  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Ryden  
Sen. Scott

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**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**BILL TOPIC:** CLERK FILE COPY OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS WITH DOLA

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing minimal state workload increase.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires certified statements of local election results to be filed with the Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Under current law, the statements are filed with the Secretary of State (SOS). The bill requires the division to post the statements on its website, and the SOS must provide a link to them on its website. The bill does not change the requirement that the certified statement must also be published in a newspaper or posted within the municipality.

**Background**

Under the municipal election code, the municipal clerk is required to prepare a certified statement of election results, after the canvass of votes is completed. The statement notes each candidate, the number of votes he or she received, and the candidate elected to each office. It is certified by the municipal clerk and his or her assistant.

Certified statements of election results are prepared after all types of elections. At elections for national, state, and district officers, the statements are prepared by the SOS. For county and precinct officers, the statements are prepared by the county clerk and recorder. For other elections, including ballot questions, the statements are prepared by the designated election official and submitted to the governing body of the political subdivision that conducted the election. Under current law, special districts file their certificates of election with the Division of Local Government.

## State Expenditures

Minimal workload increases are expected in both the DOLA and SOS. Staff time is needed to post the statements of election on the DOLA website and provide a link to the statements on the SOS website. This work can be absorbed by both departments within existing staff. The information technology impact of posting the statements and links will also be minimal.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 16, 2016, and takes effect on August 10, 2016, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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