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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: REPEAL NOMINATION VACANCY FILLING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill removes a process under the Municipal Election Code for replacing a vacancy in a nomination. This may reduce workload for municipalities by a minimal amount.

**Appropriation
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note
Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Statutory Revision Committee.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, when there is a vacancy for a nomination in a nonpartisan municipal position after a candidate withdraws or dies prior to the 23rd day before a polling place election or the 63rd day before a mail ballot election, the Colorado Municipal Election Code contains a procedure for forming a vacancy committee listed on the nominating petition to select another nominee. This bill removes this process and makes conforming amendments.

Local Government

Repealing this vacancy process potentially reduces workload for municipal clerks who will no longer be required to track vacancy committee members and results. However, this process is rarely, if ever, used, so any impact is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed. It applies to elections occurring on or after this date.

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