

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS BY VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES IN ORDER TO REGISTER VOTERS.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/10/19.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The anticipated expenditures from the Department of State Cash Fund are reduced based upon updated information from the Department of State. The technical note included in the Fiscal Note indicates that the Department of Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF) would not be allowed to transfer the requested Medicaid data pursuant to federal law. As a result, the Department of State would not need to develop an automated voter registration module for the data transfer from HCPF. Additionally, the anticipated expenditures from the Department of Revenue are reduced based upon updated estimates.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

- J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to appropriate a total of \$312,907 for FY 2019-20 as follows:
- \$67,840 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State;

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- \$90,827 total funds to the Department of Human Services, including \$61,301 General Fund, \$9,973 cash funds from the Old Age Pension Fund, and \$19,553 from the federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant;
- \$136,240 reappropriated funds from the Department of Human Services to the Governor's Office of Information Technology ; and
- \$18,000 General Fund to the Department of Revenue.

The provision also states that the appropriation to the Department of Human Services is based on the assumption that the Department will receive \$45,413 federal funds to implement the act.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2019-20 based on the March 2019 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$65.2 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$60.8 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$79,301 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$85,050.