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HB 19-1156

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Neville

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO REGISTER TO VOTE

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill would have required an elector to provide a form of identification that includes proof of citizenship in order to register to vote immediately prior to or on election day. The bill would have increased expenditures in FY 2019-20 only.

**Appropriation
Summary:**

For FY 2019-20, the bill would have required a cash fund appropriation of \$84,800 to the Department of State.

**Fiscal Note
Status:**

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1156**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditure	Cash Funds	\$84,800	-
Transfer		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a person may register to vote if he or she is at least 18 years of age, is a U.S. citizen, and has resided in Colorado for at least 22 days immediately prior to the election at which he or she intends to vote. This bill would have modified requirements for registering to vote at a voter service and polling center (VSPC) immediately prior to or on election day by adding the requirement that the registering person provide documentation that establishes both his or her identity and citizenship. The bill specified acceptable documents for these purposes.

Background

Voters in Colorado may register to vote in a number of ways. Among the various methods, voters may register online at the Secretary of State's website, through a voter registration drive, at a motor vehicle or driver's license office, or in person at a VSPC. VSPCs are operated by county clerks in the fifteen days prior to and including the election. In the eight days immediately prior to and including election day, in-person registration at a VSPC is the only way for a voter to register and vote in the upcoming election.

State Expenditures

This bill would have increased cash fund expenditures in the Department of State by \$84,800 in FY 2019-20 only. These costs, paid from the Department of State Cash Fund, were for one-time computer programming costs to update the statewide voter registration system (SCORE) database to track whether voters have provided documentation establishing both their citizenship and identity when registering in person at a VSPC. Costs were based on 800 hours of contract computer programming at a rate of \$106 per hour.

Effective Date

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 12, 2019.

State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill would have required an appropriation of \$84,800 to the Department of State from the Department of State Cash Fund.

State and Local Government Contacts

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