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Bill Topic: COLORADO REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- TABOR Refund
- State Expenditure
- Local Government
- State Transfer
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill makes changes to state law in the areas of congressional and legislative redistricting to conform with constitutional provisions and creates two new accounts for redistricting in the Legislative Cash Fund. The bill requires one-time transfers of funds and increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required because money in the Legislative Cash Fund is continuously appropriated.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which is recommended by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 20-186

Table with 4 columns: Category, Description, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Accounts), Transfers (Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Accounts, Legislative Cash Fund), and TABOR Refund.

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill updates existing statutory provisions to conform with new constitutional requirements related to congressional and state redistricting. It creates two new accounts in the Legislative Cash Fund (fund), the Congressional Redistricting Account and the Legislative Redistricting Account, and transfers \$1.25 million from the fund into each account for the purposes of funding the work of the commissions. Finally, the bill directs Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services to assign individuals to staff the redistricting commissions through a number of nonstatutory provisions.

## **Background**

Colorado voters approved Amendments Y and Z to the Colorado Constitution in 2018. The amendments require two 12-member independent redistricting commissions, one each for congressional and state legislative districts.

## **State Transfers**

The bill requires a one-time transfer of \$2.5 million from the Legislative Cash Fund to the newly created Congressional Redistricting Account and the Legislative Redistricting Account within the fund. Each account will receive \$1.25 million. Any unexpended money in the two accounts after June 30, 2022, will revert to the cash fund.

## **State Expenditures**

In FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, expenditures from the two new accounts in the Legislative Cash Fund will increase to support the work of Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services in the Legislative Department, as required by Amendments Y and Z. The two nonpartisan agencies are responsible for providing staff and legal support for the commissions and creating redistricting maps for the commissions and the public to consider. The work of the commissions is expected to cost up to \$2.5 million over two years, or approximately \$625,000 per year for each commission. Costs are paid using funds transferred from the Legislative Cash Fund, described in the previous section.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## **State Appropriations**

No appropriation is required because money in the Legislative Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council to pay for the expenses of the Legislative Department.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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