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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Danielson

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Bill Status: Senate SVMA
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Bill Topic: **BALLOT ACCESS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

This bill allows voters with disabilities to return their ballots electronically. In FY 2021-22, it will minimally increase state workload.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows voters with disabilities to return their ballots electronically. Currently, a voter with a disability who uses an electronic voting device must print the paper record and mail it to the applicable election official. This bill allows the voter to print and mail the ballot or return it electronically.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally increase workload in the Department of State (SOS). To allow a ballot to be returned electronically, the SOS must grant voters with disabilities access to the electronic emergency ballot platform. This increase in workload is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

County Clerks

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