

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5208 SB	Title: Online voter registration	Agency: 085-Office of the Secretary of State
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	147,500	0	147,500	0	0
Total \$	147,500	0	147,500	0	0

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 1 of this bill adds the social security number and Washington State learner’s permit as a methods of identification documents for electronic voter registration applications. Additionally, it adds clarification that the tribal identification must be current.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

This bill requires the OSOS to modify the voter registration system to allow for a secure method to submit valid voter registration applications using tribal identification or social security number. OSOS estimates this would take approximately 300 hours of development time at \$200 per hour, for a total cost of \$60,000. Additionally, the design and user interface of VoteWA would need to be altered to accommodate these additional languages, necessitating design and usability consultants. Approximately 500 hours of design, usability, and accessibility testing to would be needed to verify functionality of these changes, for a total cost of \$87,500. OSOS would use contractors for these services. These are one-time costs.

The impact of validating the identity of the submitter without a Drivers License is indeterminate. To validate, an alternative identify verification method would have to be introduced for those non-Driver License transitions. Current costs per transaction for the leading identity verification vendors are \$1.30-\$0.85 (determined by monthly volume), and additional implementation and support fees for setup and ongoing support.

Monthly online voter registration transactions range between 3,500 and 25,000. We have no data from which to extrapolate how many transactions would be non-Driver License. If we assume 10,000 per month, which is possible based on current registrations referred from the Health Benefits Exchange (HBE), we’d likely be in the most expensive range of \$1.30 per or approximately \$13,000 per month, \$156,000 per year beginning in FY25

There may be additional costs for ongoing support but those costs would be determined once more information is known about the technical delivery methods that are possible which would require multiple meetings of various stakeholders that support the voter registration system.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	147,500	0	147,500	0	0
Total \$			147,500	0	147,500	0	0

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	147,500		147,500		
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	147,500	0	147,500	0	0

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III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.