



Fiscal Note
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 Ranked Choice Voting
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General, Education, and Uniform School Funds

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	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/EF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$0	\$(2,800)	\$(2,800)

State Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(b)

Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.

Revenues	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Lieutenant Governor's Office \$500,000 one-time General Fund for outreach to educate voters about ranked choice voting, which would be needed in FY 2019 or later. It could further cost the office \$2,800 one-time General Fund between FY 2018 and FY 2019 to develop administrative rules related to ranked choice voting and report twice on implementation progress to the Government Operations Interim Committee; the office indicates it can absorb this cost in its existing budget.

Expenditures	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$2,800	\$500,000
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$2,800	\$500,000

Net All Funds	\$0	\$(2,800)	\$(500,000)
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Local Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation could cost counties \$10 million total one-time to purchase new electronic voting equipment to accommodate ranked choice voting. Counties on the Wasatch Front (Salt Lake, Utah, Davis, and Weber) would likely need a two-page, rather than one-page, ballot to accommodate additional candidates for ranked choice voting, which could cost \$580,000 total per election cycle (\$290,000 per year). Cities that hold municipal elections could save approximately \$500,000 total per election cycle (\$250,000 per year) from no longer holding municipal primaries. Local impacts would occur or begin to occur prior to the 2019 elections.

Individuals & Businesses

UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.

No performance note required for this bill

Notes on Notes

Fiscal notes estimate the direct costs or revenues of enacting a bill. The Legislature uses them to balance the budget. They do not measure a bill's benefits or non-fiscal impacts like opportunity costs, wait times, or inconvenience. A fiscal note is not an appropriation. The Legislature decides appropriations separately.