



Fiscal Note

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 Voter Signature Verification Amendments
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$ (400)	\$ (18,700)	\$ (19,100)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

To the extent that more election officers are convicted as a result of this bill and pay their financial obligation, this could increase revenue/case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund \$1,450; (2) Court Security \$53.

Expenditures	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund	\$0	\$400	\$400
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$18,700	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$19,100	\$400

Enactment of this bill could cost the Lieutenant Governor's Office \$18,700 one-time in FY 2024 and \$400 ongoing beginning in FY 2024 from the General Fund to establish rules to govern and train on signature verification. To the extent that a case is filed in district court as a result of the charges in this bill, enactment of this legislation could cost the Courts \$790/case from the General Fund. To the extent that offenders are sentenced to prison or probation it could cost the Department of Corrections \$85/bed/day and \$12/day for supervision. It could also cost the Board of Pardons and Parole \$430 per hearing.

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Net All Funds	\$0	\$ (19,100)	\$ (400)

Local Government

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

Enactment of this bill could cost either counties or municipalities, depending on the election year, an estimated \$5,600 statewide beginning in FY 2024 for ballot curing notifications, and releasing curing lists. To the extent that election officers are charged as a result of this bill, local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditures: 1. Prosecutors - \$1,392 per case; 2. Public Defense - \$3,420 per case.

Individuals & Businesses

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

To the extent that election officers violate provisions of this bill, this could cost about \$1,500/case, however the total amount is unknown.

Regulatory Impact

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

Enactment of this legislation likely will not change the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance Evaluation

JR1-4-601

This bill does not create a new program or significantly expand an existing program.

Notes on Notes

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