

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-2652/1	Introduction Number	SB-220	Estimate Type	Original
Description Allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would permit 16-year old and 17-year old persons to preregister to vote if they are otherwise qualified electors. A person who preregistered to vote would appear in the statewide voter registration system but would not appear on a poll list of qualified electors unless he or she will be at least 18 years old on election day. The statewide voter registration system currently permits clerks to enter names of 17-year old persons who wish to register to vote, and to include the names of those individuals on the poll list if the individual will be 18 years old or older on election day. Therefore, the bill may require a minor modification to the statewide voter registration system which would be completed in the normal course of maintaining the system. The Government Accountability Board may be required to make a minor modification to the official voter registration application form and to training materials for local election officials, which would also be completed in the normal course of updating agency forms and publications.

In the first year or two of its implementation, the bill would increase the potential number of individuals who may wish to preregister with their municipal clerk, rather than wait until their 18th birthday to register. The short-term impact would be at least partially offset, however, because those individuals would already be registered voters who are not required to register some time after their 18th birthday. The process of preregistration would be almost identical to the current registration process. It is anticipated that municipalities would absorb any temporary increase in the number of registration forms processed as part of existing procedures and budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.