

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 435 requires the Secretary of State to design an official watermark that is sufficient to prove the authenticity of ballots.

The Secretary of State estimates that the design of the watermark will have no fiscal impact. However, it is anticipated that printing the ballots with a watermark will double or triple the cost of ballots. Since ballots are purchased and paid for by each county, they will bear that cost. Based on ballot printing costs from the 2020 election cycle, the increased printing cost to the counties is estimated to be between \$700,000 and \$1,400,000 statewide per election. On an individual basis, Douglas County could expect an increase between \$121,000 and \$242,000 over the two-year election cycle. There is no basis to disagree with these estimates.

No fiscal impact to the state.

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2021

LB⁽¹⁾ 435

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Secretary of State

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB435 requires our office to create a watermark for certain election ballots. The design of this watermark is not expected to have any cost.

Based on information we have received from our vendor, it is anticipated that printing the ballots with a watermark will double or triple the cost of ballots; however, ballots have historically been purchased and paid for by each county. Based on ballot printing costs paid during the 2019/2020 election cycle, we estimate the increased ballot printing costs to the counties would be between \$700,000 to \$1,400,000 statewide per election cycle. On an individual county basis, the largest county (Douglas) could expect to see a cost increase between \$121,000 to \$242,000 over the two-year election cycle. This cost estimate is based upon watermarking all ballot paper, not solely ballot paper for early ballots.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____