



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0008: Allowing online voter registration**

Primary Sponsor: **Wendy McKamey**

Status: **As Introduced**

☐ Included in the Executive Budget

☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

☐ Significant Local Gov Impact

☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts

☐ Technical Concerns

☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

| | <u>FY 2026</u> | <u>FY 2027</u> | <u>FY 2028</u> | <u>FY 2029</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Difference</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Proprietary | \$1,126,712 | \$231,712 | \$235,188 | \$238,716 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Proprietary | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| General Fund Balance | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

Description of fiscal impact

SB 8 proposes to allow for online voter registration. The bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State to create and maintain a new system for online voter registration and provide a secured transfer of information from the Department of Justice to the Office of the Secretary of State.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

1. It is assumed that a one-time system cost will be necessary to create an online system for voter registration. The estimated vendor cost is \$1 million in FY 2026.
2. It is assumed that a one-time system development cost is required to complete a secured information exchange of motor vehicle records from the Department of Justice to the Office of the Secretary of State to compare motor vehicle records to the voter registration application. The estimated vendor cost is \$45,000 in FY 2026.
3. It is assumed there will be annual server costs beginning in FY 2026 upon the implementation of the new online voter registration system. The estimated cost is \$10,000 per year ongoing.
4. It is assumed there will be annual system support costs beginning in FY 2027. The estimated cost is \$150,000 per year ongoing.
5. It is assumed that the estimated cost for an ongoing 0.50 FTE Elections Specialist (Program Officer) will be \$29,618 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 for system testing and implementation, procedure development, Election Administrator training, and processing submitted applications. A 1.5% inflationary factor has been added to his amount for FY 2028 and FY 2029.
6. It is assumed that the estimated costs for an ongoing 0.50 FTE Public Relations Specialist will be \$42,094 in


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FY 2026 and FY 2027 for administrative rulemaking and public outreach. A 1.5% inflationary factor has been added to his amount for FY 2028 and FY 2029.

Fiscal Analysis Table

| | <u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Fiscal Impact</u> | | | | |
| FTE | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| TOTAL Fiscal Impact | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$71,712 | \$71,712 | \$72,788 | \$73,880 |
| Operating Expenses | \$1,055,000 | \$160,000 | \$162,400 | \$164,836 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | \$1,126,712 | \$231,712 | \$235,188 | \$238,716 |
| <u>Funding of Expenditures</u> | | | | |
| Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Proprietary | \$1,126,712 | \$231,712 | \$235,188 | \$238,716 |
| TOTAL Funding of Expenditures | \$1,126,712 | \$231,712 | \$235,188 | \$238,716 |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u> | | | | |
| Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Proprietary | (\$1,126,712) | (\$231,712) | (\$235,188) | (\$238,716) |

 1-3-2025
Sponsor's Initials Date


Budget Director's Initials

12/31/2024
Date