



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>SB 440</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Revising election laws related to reporting election results
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Theresa Manzella	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

- ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact
 ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2
 ☒ Technical Concerns
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
 ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
 ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<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>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary Fund	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary Fund	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine	Unable to Determine
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 440 requires the Office of the Secretary of State to provide a public report of election results. The fiscal impact of this proposed legislation cannot be determined.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Office of the Secretary of State**

- It is unclear whether counties have the information required by this bill or whether custom reports from the election management system (ElectMT) will be required. It is also unclear whether the bill would require ballot categories to be tracked in the Office of the Secretary of State's Election Night Reporting system. If required, there will be an undetermined fiscal impact to implement those changes.

2. SB 440 requires the Office of the Secretary of State to prepare a comprehensive reconciliation report prior to the certification of the election, post the report, and present it to State Administration and Veterans' Affairs (SAVA) interim committee. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact for staff resources to complete these duties, the office can cover the costs associated with implementing this portion of the bill within its existing operating budget.

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

**Montana Association of Counties**

1. There is no fiscal impact to counties as SB 440 requires consolidation of readily available data on a spreadsheet.

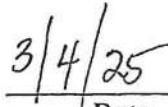
**Technical Notes:**

1. The bill is currently not limited to the federal primary and general election and will encompass all elections. This will include elections such as certain school and irrigation district elections that are not managed by the county election administrator in ElectMT. There will be unknown, but significant development costs in ElectMT, to provide the required reports for all the elections covered by the bill as written.

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