



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0460.01: Amending the constitution to provide for electors of a county to call a grand jury**

Primary Sponsor: Tom Millett 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>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$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

The bill proposes an amendment to Article II, section 20 of the Montana Constitution, allowing the citizens of any county in Montana to initiate the summoning of a grand jury through a petition. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state. The impact to counties is anticipated to be minimal if the number of grand juries is not significant. However, if the number of grand juries is frequent, there would be additional county costs incurred.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Secretary of State's Office

1. While there may be a nominal fiscal impact for processes related to proofing of ballots to ensure the constitutional amendment is properly included on the 2026 general election ballot, the Office of the Secretary of State can cover the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating budget.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures

Montana Association of Counties

1. The Montana Association of Counties anticipates that there will be minimal occurrences, and therefore insignificant fiscal impacts, if HB 460 is passed.
2. If the assumption of very few occurrences proves to be inaccurate, and the number of grand juries increases with use of independent counsel as allowed, costs could become significant.


Sponsor's Initials

2/19/2025
Date


Budget Director's Initials

2/18/2025
Date