



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0488.01: Allowing a disabled voter to electronically return a ballot

Primary Sponsor: Julie Darling

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>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proprietary Fund	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,075	\$5,151
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$10,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 488 will require the Office of the Secretary of State to incur expenses related to the development and ongoing support of a system that allows for the encrypted electronic transmission of voted ballots for disabled electors.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Secretary of State's Office

1. Passage of HB 488 will require the Office of the Secretary of State to develop a system to provide encrypted electronic transmission of voted ballots for disabled electors. The estimated cost for a vendor to develop this system is \$20,000.
2. It is assumed there will be annual server and maintenance costs of \$5,000 for the new system. An inflationary factor of 1.5% has been added to these costs for FY 2028 and FY 2029.
3. Passage of HB 488 will require the Office of the Secretary of State to adopt rules to protect the accuracy, integrity, and secrecy of a ballot transmitted electronically through the new system. The resource cost related to the research, development, and adoption of these rules can be covered by the office's current operating budget.
4. If passed, HB 488 provides the Office of the Secretary of State with a one-time-only appropriation of \$10,000 from the general fund in FY 2026 to offset some of the costs associated with designing,

programming, and otherwise implementing an encrypted electronic transmission system. The remaining costs would be paid through the office's proprietary fund.

## Fiscal Analysis Table

Secretary of State's Office				
	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$5,075	\$5,151
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,075</b>	<b>\$5,151</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proprietary Fund	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,075	\$5,151
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,075</b>	<b>\$5,151</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proprietary Fund	(\$15,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,075)	(\$5,151)

**NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR**

Sponsor's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2/19/25

  
Budget Director's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2/18/2025