

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: SB 761 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires that only elector who has personally printed copy of electronic signature sheet for petition or prospective petition may sign signature sheet.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Secretary of State (SOS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 761 - A changes requirements related to electronic signature sheets. The Secretary of State (SOS) is directed to provide an electronic signature sheet template that includes a line for a voter to sign to show support for a state initiative, referendum, recall petition, or prospective petition; and a line for the voter to sign to certify that they either printed the sheet directly, or that they requested someone to print it specifically for them. Both spaces must be signed for the sheet to be tallied. A person obtaining signatures on a petition may not provide these sheets to a voter.

Electronic templates must also include certain information, including a full copy of the measure under consideration.

This measure will have no fiscal impact on Counties but may have an impact on SOS. SOS anticipates that enforcement of this measure may require additional staff or staff time to investigate electronic signature sheet violations; and additional temporary staff or staff time to verify required signatures. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that the Secretary will seek General Fund support from the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly if the costs of enforcement exceed currently budgeted expenditures.