

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 1094**

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Secretary of State to secure federal grant moneys to fund pilot project providing live video feed of rooms in which ballots are counted and official ballot drop sites.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Secretary of State

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are presently indeterminate and may require later budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 1094 authorizes the Secretary of State (SOS) to apply for a federal grant to fund a pilot project for the purpose of providing a live video feed over the Internet of the rooms in which ballots are tallied and official ballot drop sites. SOS may adopt rules to establish requirements for the location and operation of any video cameras installed or operated to provide a live video feed over the Internet. The rules must ensure that any such video camera does not violate election security plans or display any information about how an individual voted. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2024, and the authorization to apply for a federal grant is repealed on July 1, 2026.

The fiscal impact to SOS is presently indeterminate, as it would depend on whether SOS applies for and receives a federal grant to fund this pilot project. Applying for the grant money would have only a minimal fiscal impact on SOS. However, assuming SOS were to receive the grant, SOS would then need to request additional federal funds expenditure limitation from the Legislative Assembly or the Emergency Board to spend the grant money. It is presently unknown whether any such federal grant opportunity would require matching state funds.