Initiative 134



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Fiscal Summary

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LCS TITLE: PROHIBIT USE OF VACANCY COMMITTEES FOR VACANCIES IN GENERAL

ASSEMBLY

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This fiscal summary, prepared by the nonpartisan Director of Research of the Legislative Council, contains a preliminary assessment of the measure's fiscal impact. A full fiscal impact statement for this initiative is or will be available at leg.colorado.gov/bluebook. This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

State expenditures. The measure increases costs in the Secretary of State to adopt rules and guidance for county clerks to conduct special elections to fill vacancies in the General Assembly.

Local government impact. The elimination of vacancy committee appointments will increase the number of special elections conducted to fill future vacancies in the state legislature, and increase costs for affected counties where vacancies occur. Costs include printing and mailing ballots, hiring election judges, operating voter service and polling centers, and running tabulation equipment, among other things.

Economic impacts. The measure has no direct impact on the economy.