



## Legislative Council Staff

*Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature*

### Fiscal Summary

---

**Date:** January 15, 2024      **Fiscal Analyst:** Josh Abram (303-866-3561)

---

#### LCS TITLE: TIMELY REPORTING OF ELECTION RESULTS

#### Fiscal Summary of Initiative 136

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](http://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook). This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

**Local government impact.** By expediting the reporting of results and counting of ballots, the bill will increase local costs to process and count ballots by the deadlines specified, especially for ballots received on election day or immediately prior. While some costs will be shifted from on or after election day to before election day, it is expected that overall costs will increase. Local government costs to conduct elections is partially offset by state reimbursements.

**State expenditures.** This measure is expected to increase county costs to conduct elections (see local government impacts above), which will increase the cost reimbursement provided by the state, equal to 45 percent of county costs under current law. It is unknown how much timely reporting of election results increases the actual costs of counties to conduct elections, but as an example, if county costs increase by 20 percent, the cost for state reimbursement to counties increases by about \$1.5 million annually.

**State revenue.** If costs under the measure are paid from the Department of State Cash Fund, state revenue from business filing fees paid to the DOS must be increased. The actual amount of new revenue and fee charges will be set administratively by DOS in order to cover any costs to implement the initiative paid from the DOS Cash Fund.

**Technical note.** This fiscal summary does not discuss impacts related to "general elections conducted using instant runoff voting", which are referenced by this measure. Such a method of voting does not exist under current law and is not specifically created or outlined by this measure. It is assumed that a separate measure would be needed to establish instant runoff voting in general elections, and the impacts of such a change will be addressed in the fiscal summary for that measure.

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