HB25-1195

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning the ability of a first responder or the spouse of a first responder to request that the address in their voter registration records maintained by the county clerk and recorder or the secretary of state be kept confidential.

Prime Sponsors:
Representatives Johnson; Martinez
Senators Mullica; Baisley

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, Amendment in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/24/25.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the current fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

L.004 Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill does not require or contain an appropriation clause.

L.004

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) strikes the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs House Committee report (dated March 6, 2025) and substitutes language that strikes and replaces everything below the enacting clause.

The amendment clarifies the responsibilities for both the Secretary of State and the county clerks to make available application forms for first responders to request confidentiality of voting records, as well as approving the requests. Additionally, it identifies the permitted methods through which applicants may transmit requests to the county clerk. **JBC and LCS staff agree that this amendment will decrease revenues to the Department of State by an estimated $7,000.**

Points to Consider

TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact

The March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast projects a TABOR surplus liability of $642.7 million for FY 2025-26 and $775.8 million for FY 2026-27 to be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund. Legislation that reduces non-exempt revenue (such as cash funds) will reduce the TABOR refund from the General Fund.

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 OSPB revenue forecast. The budget package includes $18.2 million General Fund set aside for other legislation outside of the JBC budget package. This may be used for appropriations, transfers, or increases in TABOR refunds for FY 2025-26.

If amendment **L.004** is adopted, this bill is estimated to reduce cash fund revenues by $7,000 in FY 2025-26 and by $7,000 in FY 2026-27, which will increase the available General Fund in each fiscal year by equal amounts. This bill reduces the TABOR refund made out of the General Fund by $7,000 for FY 2025-26, increasing the $18.2 million General Fund set aside for FY 2025-26 by the same amount.