



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1089: COUNTY MAIL BALLOT SIGNATURE VERIFICATION REQMNTS

#### Prime Sponsors:

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**Bill Outcome:** Postponed Indefinitely

**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0690

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note

**Date:** June 16, 2025

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee on February 24, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill would have allowed for multiple election judges to verify election signatures as a team.

**Types of impacts.** The bill would have affected the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

**Appropriations.** No appropriation was required.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill allows county clerks to use a team of two bipartisan election judges, rather than a single judge, to verify election signatures and establishes a procedure for settling disputes within the team.

## Local Government

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To the extent that additional election judges are hired for the signature verification process, election costs will increase for county clerks. The bill is permissive and any costs will depend on county clerks' decisions regarding the use of bipartisan signature review teams for the initial review of signatures. The bill will not affect costs for counties that use an electronic device to review signatures.

## State Expenditures

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The bill increases expenditures in the Department of State by an indeterminate amount to reimburse counties for additional election costs (described above). The Department of State reimburses counties for 45 percent of their eligible election expenses. Because the bill is permissive, exact state reimbursement costs will depend on county decisions regarding the use of bipartisan signature review teams.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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County Clerks

Secretary of State

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).