



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1195: FIRST RESPONDER VOTER REGISTRATION CONFIDENTIALITY

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the Department of State to create a process for a peace officer or a peace officer's spouse to request their voter information be kept confidential.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on a temporary basis:

- State Expenditures
- State Revenue

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$53,200

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (Cash Funds)	\$53,200	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, voters may register to vote through the Department of State's (DOS) Online Voter Registration System (OLVR) or through their county clerk. If an elector registers to vote via the OLVR, their registration can be accessed online with their full name, zip code, and date of birth.

The bill allows first-responders and their spouses to request that address information in their voter registration record be kept confidential. First responders include peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical service providers, or any other individual who responds to a public emergency. The DOS must modify the OLVR to allow first responders or spouses to request confidentiality, and specifies other application requirements. The DOS must forward the request to the voter's county clerk. The DOS may not charge any fee.

State Revenue

The DOS is authorized to adjust fees so that the revenue generated approximates its direct and indirect costs. The DOS is primarily funded through business filing fees. To cover the costs described in the State Expenditures section below, fees may need to be raised to cover all or some of the costs of this bill. The fees affected and the actual amount of fee charges will be set administratively by the DOS based on cash fund balance, total program costs, and the estimated number of professional activities subject to fees. This revenue is subject to TABOR.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures for software development in the DOS by \$53,200 in FY 2025-26 only. These costs, paid from the Department of State Cash Fund, are for adjusting the OLVR and the interconnected Statewide Voter Registration Database system (SCORE) to allow user to identify as first responders, apply for address confidentiality, and modify the online registration information page for this subset of users.

Local Government

County clerks will continue to have access to the full voter registration of anyone registered through OLVR. Workload may increase to adjust procedures to maintain address confidentiality of these records.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$53,200 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State.

State and Local Government Contacts

County Clerks

Secretary of State

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](#).