



Fiscal Note

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HCR 25-1002: LIMIT ELECTION OF LEGISLATORS WHO FILL VACANCIES

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Summary Information

Overview. The concurrent resolution refers a constitutional amendment to Colorado voters that, if approved, would limit legislators appointed via vacancy committee from serving consecutive terms.

Types of impacts. The resolution is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2026-27 only:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is 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

Under current law, a political party vacancy committee selects the person to fill any vacancy in the state legislature. If approved by voters at the 2026 election, this resolution would prohibit any state representative or senator appointed by a vacancy committee from serving the term immediately following the term for which they were appointed.

State Expenditures

If approved by voters, the policy change created by this resolution has no fiscal impact on state or local government. As outlined below, referring a measure to voters increases certain election-related costs, which are paid for using existing appropriations.

Election Expenditure Impact — Existing Appropriations

This resolution includes a referred measure that will appear before voters at the November 2026 general election. While no additional appropriation is required, certain election costs are incurred by the state when ballot measures are referred. These include reimbursing counties for certain election costs; publishing the text and title of the measure in newspapers across the state; and preparing and mailing the ballot information booklet.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2026 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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