

BDR 24-927 AB 321(R1)

UNSOLICITED EXECUTIVE AGENCY FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: May 21, 2021

Agency Submitting: Office of the Secretary of State

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2020-21	Fiscal Year 2021-22	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Effect on Future Biennia
Ballot Stock (Expense)		\$5,664,972	\$5,664,972	\$11,329,944
Ballot drop boxes (Expense)		\$196,500		
Voter education/outreach media campaign (Expense)		\$661,071	\$661,071	
Voter education postcards (Expense)		\$288,706		
Total	0	\$6,811,249	\$6,326,043	\$11,329,944

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Revision 2:

The Elections Division of the Nevada Secretary of State has reviewed Assembly Bill 321 (BDR 24-927), which proposes to amend various sections of NRS 293 by requiring a mail ballot to be delivered to every active registered voter for every election for which the voter is eligible. As drafted, AB321 would have the following impacts: (1) increased cost in the amount of printed ballots for which the State is responsible for the cost of ballot stock (NAC 293.200); (2) an increased need for permanent ballot drop boxes in every county; and (3) a dedicated voter outreach and education campaign for 2022 regarding this major change in election procedures. In order to provide this fiscal note, the Secretary's Office estimated an increase in active registered voters to approximately 1.9 million for the 2022 election cycle. The cost for ballot stock is based on information from counties' reimbursement requests for ballot stock in the 2016 general election, which worked out to be \$2.97 per ballot. The costs for high quality ballot boxes range from \$500 to \$4,000, depending on size and capacity, and the recommendation is to have one ballot drop box for every 10,000 to 15,000 voters. The total fiscal impact to the Secretary of State's Office for the 2022 Election Cycle is \$13,137,292. Going forward after the 2022 Election Cycle, the cost per biennia will be a minimum of \$11,329,944.

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