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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 205-77

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received January 25, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 447 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to delete the requirement that a registrar must notify electors whose voting registration is being cancelled.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There would be no state expenditure or savings.
2. The cost of notification is about 40 cents per cancellation, including postage, labor and printing.
3. The total number of cancellations would be about 100,000 per election year.
4. Next cancellation of electors would be 1980.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the state, but savings of approximately \$40,000 in total would be realized by Montana counties each election year in which a President is elected.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-28-77

Approved by Committee  
on State Administration

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