

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

Introduced: 01/18/83

Referred to Committee on State Administration: 01/18/83

Hearing: 1/25/83

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2 INTRODUCED BY *Nicholas Van Valkenburg Steingard*
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6 COST OF MAILING VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS; AMENDING
7 SECTION 13-27-410, MCA."

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12 information pamphlet. (1) The secretary of state shall
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14 for the printing and delivery of a voter information
15 pamphlet for all ballot issues to be submitted to the people
16 at least 90 days before the election at which they will be
17 submitted. The requisition shall include a delivery list
18 providing for shipment of the required number of pamphlets
19 to each county and to the secretary of state.

20 (2) The secretary of state shall estimate the number
21 of copies necessary to furnish one copy to every voter in
22 each county, except that two or more voters with the same
23 mailing address and the same last name may be counted as one
24 voter. The secretary of state shall provide for an extra
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7 pamphlets by not later than 30 days before the election at
8 which the ballot issues will be voted on by the people.

9 (4) The county official responsible for voter
10 registration in each county shall mail one copy of the voter
11 information pamphlet to each registered voter in the county,
12 except that two or more voters with the same mailing address
13 and the same last name may be counted as one voter. The
14 mailing shall take place no later than 2 weeks after the
15 pamphlets are received from the printer. The department of
16 administration shall reimburse each county for the actual
17 cost of postage for mailing voter information pamphlets to
18 voters in that county.

19 (5) Ten copies of the voter information pamphlet shall
20 be available at each precinct for use by any voter wishing
21 to read the explanatory information and complete text before
22 voting on the ballot issues."

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INTRODUCED BILL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 154-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 21, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 288 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

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:

House Bill 288 is an act requiring the Department of Administration to reimburse counties for the cost of mailing voter information pamphlets.

ASSUMPTION:

- 1) Estimates are based on postage only and do not include split shipments to respective destinations for mailing.
- 2) Assumes 90% of 1982 printing were distributed by mail.
- 3) Assumes current bulk rate mailing costs of 10.9¢ per piece.
- 4) Assumes 2% growth rate per year in voter registration.
- 5) Assumes 5% increase in postal rate per year.
- 6) Assumes growth of pamphlet from 32 pages to 48 pages.

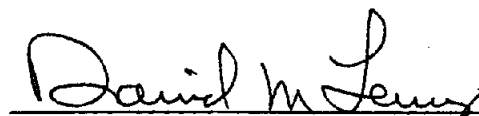
FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY' 85</u>
Expenditures under proposed law:	
Personal Services	\$ 2,500
Operating Expenses	73,827
Total expenditures under proposed law	<u>\$76,327</u>
Expenditures under current law	0
Increased expenditures for general fund	<u>\$76,327</u>

COMMENTS:

Currently, the Department of Administration is responsible only for the printing of the pamphlet. All other aspects of the pamphlet are the responsibility of the Secretary of State.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-25-83

Approved by Committee
on State Administration

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