

SENATE BILL 45

Introduced by Van Valkenburg

12/07 Introduced
12/07 Referred to State Administration
12/07 Fiscal Note Requested
12/09 Fiscal Note Received
12/09 Fiscal Note Printed
12/10 Hearing
12/11 Committee Report--Bill Passed
12/13 2nd Reading Passed
12/13 3rd Reading Passed

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12/17 Tabled in Committee

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0045, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An act ordering a special election on Initiated Referendum 112 (IR-112), submitting HB 671 to the electorate for approval or rejection.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Secretary of State's Office will print 400,000 Voter Information Pamphlets (VIP) for distribution by counties. Based upon the actual expenditures for the 1992 general election VIP (16 pages), the estimated cost will be \$25,000.
2. Three notices of special election will be printed in 67 newspapers statewide pursuant to state law. The estimated cost will be \$2,680.
3. Ballot committees will be reimbursed as required by state law at a cost of \$200.
4. The Secretary of State's Office will reimburse counties for expenses associated with administration of the special election. These costs will relate to the preparation and distribution of the voter information pamphlet pursuant to 1-2-112, MCA. The estimated cost of postage for 400,000 VIPs is \$86,513.
5. County costs are estimated from actual expenditures incurred as a result of the 1993 Special Election on tax reform.
6. Voter Information Pamphlets will be mailed at the lowest possible bulk rate.
7. The Voter Information Pamphlet will contain the entire text of the measure as well as arguments for and against passage.
8. Counties will cover all other regular costs of the primary election not specifically related to the special election.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Secretary of State's Office: Business and Government Services

	FY '94			FY '95		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Expenditures:						
FTE	22.25	22.25	0	22.25	22.25	0
Personal Services	554,554	554,554	0	565,208	565,208	0
Operating Expenses	476,566	504,446	27,880	411,660	411,660	0
Local Assistance	-0-	86,513	86,513	0	0	0
Equipment	68,427	68,427	0	7,057	7,057	0
Total	1,099,547	1,213,940	114,393	983,925	983,925	0
Funding:						
General Fund	54,148	168,541	114,393	68,584	68,584	0
Proprietary Fund	1,045,399	1,045,399	0	915,341	915,341	0
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EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

The county expenditures to be reimbursed by the state for distribution of the Voter Information Pamphlet are estimated to be \$86,513. Nonreimbursable county expenditures for conduct of the special election are assumed to be minimal.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Holding a special election will allow approval or disapproval of HB671 to be determined six months earlier than scheduled. This may assist in planning and analysis for the remainder of the 1995 biennium and the 1997 biennium.

David Lewis 12-9
 DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

Fred Van Valkenburg
 FRED VAN VALKENBURG, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
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