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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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ORIGINAL DATE 01/25/23  
BILL \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Voter Registration After Property Transfer NUMBER House Bill 84  
ANALYST Hitzman

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\* (dollars in thousands)

|       | FY23                         | FY24                         | FY25                         | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Total | Indeterminate<br>but minimal | Indeterminate<br>but minimal | Indeterminate<br>but minimal |                      |                              |                  |

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State

No Response Received  
Association of Counties  
County Clerks Affiliate

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Bill 84

House Bill 84 (HB84) requires county clerks to send a notice to a voter when ownership of a residential property is transferred, requesting the voter to update the voter's existing certificate of registration or complete a new one with the changed address.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed into law.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain an appropriation and is expected to have an indeterminate but minimal fiscal impact because the bill requires additional notifications be sent by the county clerks. The anticipated costs of each notice or the number of notices that would be expected to be sent is unknown.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The bill requires the county clerks of each county to send notifications to voters when property is transferred. However, there are likely instances where a transfer of property occurs without there being a change to the person's official place of residence. For example, a person purchasing a vacation home or someone who owns multiple properties, perhaps as an investment, may not necessarily experienced a change of residence just by virtue of the sale.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

HB84 would require additional administrative efforts by the county clerks to produce and mail out notices, and the bill does not specify any consequences for individuals who fail to update their registration through this provision, so it is unclear if the county clerks would have enforcement responsibilities. It is also unknown if clerks would be responsible for ensuring individuals are not registered to vote at multiple residences.

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