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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 1/25/2024

Bill No: HB 223

Sponsor: Block, Lord, & Mason

**Agency Name
and Code
Number:**

Secretary of State, 370

VOTER ID
REQUIREMENTS

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$8-\$10			Nonrecurring	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 223 requires that a photocopy of a voter identification document be provided by the state, a city, or a county upon request at no charge during normal business hours.

The bill requires voter identification to be provided at the time a voter registers to vote, requests a mailed ballot, votes by mailed ballot and votes in-person. The provisions further remove existing accepted forms of identification required for voting except for an identification documentation issued by the state’s motor vehicle division.

Section 6 allows for challenges related to the identification documentation if it does not meet specific requirements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Except for current identification documentation issued by the state’s motor vehicle division, HB 223 removes all currently accepted forms of required identification necessary to vote, including IDs issued by an Indian Nation, tribe or pueblo. These changes would suppress the participation of many eligible groups in our state’s electoral process, including senior citizen voters, who often do not have valid physical identification issued from the MVD. These groups rely on current provisions in 1-1-24 NMSA 1978 to vote, which allow for original physical identification and/or verbal or written statements related to identity.

Additionally, the proposed free photocopies provided upon request from city, county and state agencies would certainly incur broad administrative costs.

The passage of HB 223 would likely dramatically reduce turnout in New Mexico’s elections.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS