

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 252

52nd Legislature, 1st Session, 2015

Tracking Number: .198728.1

Short Title: Post-Secondary School Voter Registration

Sponsor(s): Representative Jeff Steinborn and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 252 proposes to amend the *Election Code* to:

- require that voter registration be made available at all public postsecondary educational institutions; and
- stipulate that, for purposes of Section 1-4-5.2 NMSA 1978, the term “state agency” includes public postsecondary educational institutions.

Fiscal Impact:

HB 252 does not contain an appropriation.

Fiscal Issues:

The Secretary of State (SOS) reports that:

- the SOS provides voter registration forms to county clerks and third-party voter registration agents;
- no expense associated with supplying voter registration forms directly to state agencies is borne by SOS, but public libraries and some offices obtain voter registration forms from the county clerks; and
- if the SOS were required to provide paper card stock voter registration applications to public postsecondary institutions, or supply county clerks with additional forms, the cost would be \$32.66 per 100 forms, plus the cost of shipping.

Substantive Issues:

By stipulating that “state agency” includes “public postsecondary educational institutions,” in addition to merely including such institutions in the list of agencies offering registration, HB 252 imputes all reporting and recordkeeping requirements associated with the voter registration process, including federal reporting requirements and requirements of the federal *Help America Vote Act of 2002* to those institutions, along with any associated administrative and performance burdens.

Committee Referrals:

HGEIC/HEC/HJC

Related Bills:

HB 61 *Voting Verification Procedures*
HB 62 *Voter Registration Info Verification*
HB 150 *Voter Registration & Early Voting Sites*
HB 151 *Primary Voting for Some 17 Year-Olds*
HB 249 *16 Year-Olds Voting in School Elections*
HB 338 *Change Certain Election Dates*
HB 340 *Change Certain Voter ID Requirements*
HB 405 *Same-Day Voter Registration*
SB 13 *Voter Registration & Insurance Exchange*
SB 195 *Uniform Military & Overseas Voters Act*
SB 354 *Change Precinct Boards to Election Boards*
SB 523 *Tax & Rev. Voter Info Changes to Sec of State*