

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Rosenthal
 Sen. Todd

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE VOTING RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 15, 2013.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

For youths committed to a juvenile facility in the custody of the Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) in the Department of Human Services (DHS) who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the next election, the bill requires the facility administrator where the youths are confined to:

- facilitate voter registration and voting by youths;
- provide information on voting rights and how to register to vote;
- provide information on how youths may cast a mail or mail-in ballot;
- distribute voter information materials to confined youths; and
- ensure that any mail or mail-in ballots cast by youths are delivered in a timely manner to the designated election official.

The bill specifies that verification that a voter is committed to a juvenile facility and in the custody of the DYC is acceptable identification for voting purposes. The Secretary of State is required to inform county clerks and post information on the Secretary's and the DHS' websites on what type of verification is acceptable. Lastly, the bill exempts DYC facility administrators from any restrictions on the number of mail or mail-in ballots that an individual may deliver in person to the designated election official.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the DHS and the Department of State by a minimal amount. These changes are discussed below.

Acceptable identification for voting. The Department of State will have increased workload to clarify what type of verification is acceptable to identify youth who are in DYC facilities. Making this information available on its website and notifying county clerks is not expected to require a significant amount of staff time for the Secretary of State and can be addressed within existing appropriations. The fiscal note assumes that general purpose voter registration forms commonly made available by the Secretary of State would not need to be reprinted to include information on DYC commitment verification.

Voting assistance. While not specifically required under current law, many DYC facilities currently facilitate voting and distribution of voting materials for interested youths. To the extent that some facilities do not currently assist confined youths, workload may increase by a minimal amount and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

State ballot information booklet (Blue Book). Upon request of DYC facility administrators, the bill requires Legislative Council Staff to provide copies of the Blue Book for distribution to confined youths. Any additional Blue Book distribution is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Human Services
Counties

Legislative Council
County Clerks

State
Judicial