



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-047: CO FIREFIGHTER SAFETY ACT PETITION ELECTIONS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill allows a ballot question deciding the collective bargaining rights of firefighters to be held at any coordinated general election.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, citizens may refer a ballot measure to determine if a local government must allow firefighters to engage in collective bargaining. The bill permits these measures to appear on ballots for a statewide general election in an odd-numbered year, so long as it also qualifies as a coordinated election being conducted by the county clerk and recorder.

Local Government

The bill potentially impacts local governments that provide fire protection services. For example, special districts that offer fire protection pay the county clerk and recorder for participation in a coordinated election. Since participation in a coordinated general election in any year is less expensive than a special election, providing an additional election option to voters of local governments may result in a small cost savings in those instances when citizens initiate a collective bargaining ballot measure for firefighters.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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