



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1320: ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE STATUTORY BALLOT TITLE REQ

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies ballot title requirements.

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

- Minimal State Workload

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, ballot titles for measures that increase or decrease state or local tax revenue must include specific text near the beginning of the title. The bill modifies these requirements to allow language that is substantially similar to the specified text, and allow it to appear anywhere in the title. Additionally, the bill requires ballot titles to use accessible language, which is defined as plain language that is understood by the widest possible audience.

The bill includes two sections that both implement these changes, Section 1 and Section 2. The sections are identical except that Section 2 exempts the ballot title language required by [House Bill 26-1084](#), if enacted, from this bill's accessibility requirements.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally impacts workload for the Title Board to incorporate changes to the ballot title language requirements and to handle any change in the number of rehearings challenging ballot titles. Similarly, the Colorado Supreme Court may have additional appeals or factors to consider when ballot titles or decisions by the Title Board are challenged in court. To the extent that the bill allows for more flexibility with the current language requirements, this workload may decrease. To the extent that the bill introduces new language requirements, this workload may increase. The Title Board is made up of representatives from the Secretary of State's Office, the Department of Law, and the Office of Legislative Legal Services, and receives administrative support from the Secretary of State's Office.

Effective Date

If House Bill 26-1084 has not become law, Section 1 of the bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

If House Bill 26-1084 has become law, Section 2 of the bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed or on the effective date of House Bill 26-1084, whichever is later.

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