

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 37

**PRINTER'S NO.** 6

**AMOUNT**  
\$0 - \$300,000 in FY 2013-14

**FUND**  
General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**  
January 4, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**  
Senator Smucker

**HISTORY OF BILL**  
Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, Jan. 4, 2013  
Reported as committed, March 19, 2013  
First consideration, March 19, 2013  
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Re-reported as committed, April 15, 2013

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 37 amends the Election Code to allow a voter to submit an electronic voter registration application when registering to vote or changing party enrollment, name or address on a current registration form.

The electronic voter application must be established and implemented by the Department of State within 90 days of the effective date of the act. The Secretary of State shall promulgate regulations necessary to establish, implement and administer the electronic voter registration application.

The electronic applications for registration may be made at any time. However, if they are submitted during the 30-day period before an election, the application for registration will be valid for the next subsequent election.

The legislation specifies the identity verification process required for applicants registering electronically.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of State estimates the necessary upgrades to implement the electronic application system could cost approximately \$300,000 in state funds. If, however, the implementation of the electronic voter registration application system coincides with the Department of State's current contract provisions for allowable future scheduled changes to the State Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) system, no additional costs would be incurred.