



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 285

LR 450(01)

An Act To Require That the Secretary of State Certify the Qualifications of Candidates for Legislative Office

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Nass of Acton

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$6,933	\$0	\$6,933	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$6,933	\$0	\$6,933	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Secretary of State to certify that candidates for legislative office meet the age and residency requirements. The department would require a General Fund appropriation of \$6,933 in fiscal year 2011-12 for overtime costs associated with one Customer Representative Specialist - Elections position. In the 2010 election cycle, 285 petitions were received in the last two weeks of the filing period. This estimate assumes the 2012 election cycle would be similar, requiring overtime to complete the certifications by the deadline. Petitions received before this two week period could be certified during regular working hours, requiring no additional cost.