

SF828 - 0 - Local Candidate Campaign Working Group Established

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 Committee: **Elections**
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 Lead Agency: **Campaign Finance Board**
 Other Agencies:
 Legislature

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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State Cost (Savings)		Biennium		Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Campaign Finance Board		-	-	-	-
General Fund		-	-	-	-
Legislature					
General Fund		-	37	-	-
State Total					
General Fund		-	37	-	-
Total		-	37	-	-
Biennial Total				37	-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		Biennium		Biennium	
		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Campaign Finance Board		-	-	-	-
General Fund		-	-	-	-
Legislature					
General Fund		-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-

Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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General Fund						
Expenditures	-	11	-	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs	-	(11)	-	-	-	-
Legislature						
General Fund						
Expenditures	-	86	-	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs	-	(49)	-	-	-	-
Total	-	37	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			37			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Campaign Finance Board	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legislature						
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LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

The bill establishes a study group to consider if candidates for local office (county, municipal, township, and school district) should register committees and file reports with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (the Board). The study group includes two members of the Senate and House, members from organizations that represent local government, two board members of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, and the executive director of the Board.

The study group must prepare and deliver a report to the legislature by no later than January 15, 2026. The report must include a review of five specific issues listed in the bill, and if appropriate provide legislative recommendations to move the responsibility for local candidates to the Board.

The bill specifies that the Legislative Coordinating Committee (LCC) will provide meeting space and administrative support for the task force. Members of the task force will be compensated for attendance for attendance at meetings as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Assumptions

It is possible that the first organizational meeting of the task force will occur in FY25, but clearly the majority of the meetings and work will occur after the legislative session in FY26. For the purposes of the fiscal note all identifiable costs occur in FY26. This note assumes that between four and six meetings will be required for the study group to complete its work.

The focus of the study group is whether transferring local candidates to the Board should occur, and if so how to best structure the transfer. This is a significant project for the Board's executive director, and will take at least a month (160 hours) of time to research and create proposals for the study group. However, staff costs are already accounted for in the Board's budget, and no additional staff will be hired by the Board to support the study group. Therefore, the listed staff costs can be absorbed by the agency.

It is unclear which agency will be responsible for paying per diem and travel costs for members of the task force. It appears that the LCC is responsible, and that will be the assumption for this fiscal note.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

	Hourly Salary	Hours on Project	Total
Executive Director Position	\$67	160	\$10,720

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

NA

Local Fiscal Impact

NA

References/Sources

NA

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LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

The bill creates a working group on Local Candidate Campaign Finance Reporting which consists of 11 members, (two representatives, two senators, two public members, four county/local government members, one state agency member). Appointments must be made within two weeks of the bill enactment. The Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) must provide administrative support and meeting location to the working group. Members may receive compensation and reimbursement for expenses as governed by MS 15.059, Subd 3.

The working group must submit a report by January 15, 2026, and expires on January 16, 2026.

The bill includes a onetime general fund appropriation to the LCC in FY25 that is available until June 30, 2026.

Assumptions

1. Members will be appointed in June 2025.
2. The working group will meet twice a month beginning July 2025. All meetings will occur during FY26 with all 14 meetings occurring during interim. For this fiscal note we assume that all meetings will be held within the Capitol campus with limited remote participation and that costs may be absorbed. If this was to change with meetings held at locations that are outside the of the Capitol campus, additional resources may be needed.
3. Members may be eligible for per diem and expenses as provided by MS 15.059, Sub 3 (b).
4. The two public members of the working group from the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board will be provided with per diem and reimbursement of expenses for their meeting participation in the working group from the appropriations that the LCC receives.
5. We assume that the four county/local government members and one state agency member will not be eligible for per diem under MS 15.059 sub 3 (b). The four county/local government members will seek reimbursement for expenses from the LCC instead of expenses being paid by their local government employer. We assume that the one state agency member will be reimbursed for expenses from their employer.
6. Public member and county/local government member working group meeting participation costs include the following per member per meeting expense costs: per diem (\$55/day, only for public members), \$106 round trip mileage (152 round trip mile average), meals (\$42/day) and lodging for half of the eligible members (\$175/night). The LCC would process the expense reimbursement request for the eligible members.

7. The bill does not provide for payment of per diems or for the reimbursement of expenses of legislators serving on the working group. However, legislative members could request reimbursement for expenses of engaging in legislative activity. This fiscal note is based on the assumption that the legislative members will be paid per diems and reimbursement for their expenses.
8. Legislative member meeting participation costs includes the following per member, per legislative interim meeting: per diem (\$86 senators, \$86 representatives), and \$106 round trip mileage (152 round trip mile average). Half of the legislative members will be reimbursed for lodging expenses (\$150/night senators, \$175/night representatives).
9. The LCC assumes that research expertise on this topic will primarily be provided by non-legislative agencies with some level of research provided by House and Senate staff.
10. This note does not include any additional cost that non-legislative agencies may incur for interaction with staff and/or participation in meetings as requested by the working group.
11. Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis will provide support of a composite of staff time of .05 FTE in FY26 (approximately 112 hours). For this fiscal note we assume existing Senate staff will be utilized and costs may be absorbed, although that will depend on the priorities of the legislature and staff time required for competing projects.
12. House Research Department and House Fiscal Analysis Department will provide support of a composite of staff time of .05 FTE in FY26 (approximately 112 hours). For this fiscal note we assume existing House staff will be utilized and costs may be absorbed, although that will depend on the priorities of the legislature and staff time required for competing projects.
13. The LCC will provide administrative staff support which is limited to logistical and planning support in addition to fiscal services which include the processing of working group member compensation and expense reimbursements. This support is anticipated to be .13 FTE/280 hours in FY26. The LCC executive director will provide supervision and management support to the administrator for logistical and planning assistance at the request of the working group chair and vice chair. This is anticipated to be .05 FTE/112 hours in FY26. For this fiscal note we assume existing LCC staff will be utilized, and cost may be absorbed, although that will depend on the priorities of the legislature and staff time required for competing projects. If too many competing projects are required of the LCC, then additional funds will be needed than is what advised in this fiscal note.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Member Meeting Participation Cost for Working Group					
Cost Category	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Senate Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	7,487	0	0	0
House Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	7,837	0	0	0
Public Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	21,356	0	0	0
Total Member Mtg Participation Cost (rounded)	0	37,000	0	0	0
Staffing Cost					
Cost Category	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
SCRFA staff support - Counsel & Analyst II (.05 FTE FY26, cost absorbed by Senate)	0	7,745	0	0	0
HRD & HFA staff support - Counsel & Analyst II (.05 FTE FY26, cost absorbed by the House)	0	7,725	0	0	0
LCC Executive Director (.05 FTE FY26, cost absorbed by the LCC)	0	13,078	0	0	0
LCC administrative support (.13 FTE FY26, cost absorbed by	0	19,974	0	0	0

the LCC)					
Total Staff Cost (rounded)	0	49,000	0	0	0
Senate Staff Cost Absorbed	0	(7,745)	0	0	0
House Staff Cost Absorbed	0	(7,725)	0	0	0
LCC Staff Cost Absorbed	0	(33,052)	0	0	0
Total Staff Cost Absorbed (rounded)	0	(49,000)	0	0	0
Net Staff Cost (rounded)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cost					
Cost Category	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Total Member Mtg Participation Cost (rounded)	0	37,000	0	0	0
Total Staff Cost (rounded)	0	49,000	0	0	0
Total Cost (rounded)	0	86,000	0	0	0
Total Cost Absorbed (rounded)	0	(49,000)	0	0	0
Net Total Cost (rounded)	0	37,000	0	0	0

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

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