

FINANCIAL IMPACT ESTIMATING CONFERENCE
INITIATIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION STATEMENT SUMMARY

Citizenship Requirement to Vote in Florida Elections (18-14)

Research on other states that have passed or considered similar changes has shown that significant costs have only been identified when the proposal has been accompanied by a specific requirement for proof or verification of citizenship. That requirement is not a part of this proposed amendment. In addition, according to the proposed amendment's Sponsor: "The language would in no way alter the process by which elections are conducted in Florida. Likewise, it would have no effect on the workloads of the Secretary of State or the county Supervisors of Elections." The Financial Impact Estimating Conference concurs with the Sponsor's interpretation. Further, there are no revenues linked to voter registration in Florida. Therefore the Conference finds that there is no impact on state costs or revenues and that there will be no impact on the state's budget.

Finally, given the lack of a fiscal impact and the nature of the proposed amendment, it will have no effect on the state's economy.