

# Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	HB0460.01: A grand jury	mending the constitu	ition to provid	e for electors of a	county to call a
Primary Sponsor:	Tom Millett		Status:	As Introduced	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget		☐ Needs to be included in HB 2		☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts		☐ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
		FISCAL SU	JMMARY		
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures General Fund (01)		\$0	\$		\$0
Revenues General Fund (01)		\$0	\$	0 \$0	\$0
Net Impact		\$0	\$	50	\$0

## Description of fiscal impact

General Fund Balance

The bill proposes an amendment to Article II, section 20 of the Montana Constitution, allowing the citizens of any county in Montana to initiate the summoning of a grand jury through a petition. There is no anticipated fiscal imp act to the state. The impact to counties is anticipated to be minimal if the number of grand juries is not significant. However, if the number of grand juries is frequent, there would be additional county costs incurred.

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Secretary of State's Office

While there may be a nominal fiscal impact for processes related to proofing of ballots to ensure the
constitutional amendment is properly included on the 2026 general election ballot, the Office of the
Secretary of State can cover the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating
budget.

## Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures Montana Association of Counties

- 1. The Montana Association of Counties anticipates that there will be minimal occurrences, and therefore insignificant fiscal impacts, if HB 460 is passed.
- 2. If the assumption of very few occurrences proves to be inaccurate, and the number of grand juries increases with use of independent counsel as allowed, costs could become significant.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

2/18/2025

Date