



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1023: POLITICAL PARTY LIABILITY FOR ACCESSIBILITY REQMNT

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**Fiscal note status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill clarifies that a state political party is responsible for ensuring that access to the ballot via the caucus process or an alternative process be accessible to persons with disabilities.

**Types of impacts.** The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local government.

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## **Summary of Legislation**

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Under current law, a candidate for elected office in the state must be able to access the ballot through the caucus process, or any future alternative process that is accessible to persons with disabilities. A political party must ensure that persons with a disability are able to participate in a precinct caucus or a state party assembly with the use of a video conferencing or an alternative means of participation.

This bill clarifies that a state political party is responsible for ensuring accessibility, and any person who is subjected to a violation of this provision may file suit against the state political party. An individual, including a member of or volunteer for a political party or a local political party, may not be held liable for a violation of caucus accessibility requirements.

## **Assessment of No Fiscal Impact**

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The bill clarifies that the state political party and not individuals bear legal responsibility to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities. This will not increase the number or substance of judicial cases of alleged discrimination, and results in no change to state or local government revenue or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## **Effective Date**

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The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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Regulatory Agencies

Secretary of State

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).