

# Prison/Jail Population Cost Estimates

## Prison/Jail Population Cost Estimates 2015

### 38 Statements

- 10 included felony penalties, 28 included misdemeanor penalties.
- Of the felony penalties, seven had a prison impact.
- Of the misdemeanor penalties, two had a jail impact.
- Highest impacts: \$1,165,510 for a felony penalty, \$78,510 for a misdemeanor penalty (over 10 years).

## Prison/Jail Population Cost Estimates 2016

### 30 Statements

- 13 included felony penalties, 17 included misdemeanor penalties.
- Of the felony penalties, five had a prison impact.
- Of the misdemeanor penalties, three had a prison impact.
- Highest Impacts: \$1,1079, 099 for a felony penalty, \$31,620 for a misdemeanor penalty (over 10 years).

## Prison/Jail Population Cost Estimates for Initiated Measures

### (Estimated) 6 Statements

- 3 included felony penalties, 3 included misdemeanor penalties.
- Of the six statements written, only 2 made it on the ballot.

## Prison/Jail Population Cost Estimates Proposed Changes

- Amend § 2-1-19 to require prison or jail population cost estimates for felony penalties only, making Class 1 misdemeanors optional.
- Class 1 misdemeanor requests would be dictated in joint rules.
- Class 2 misdemeanor requests may or may not be allowed.
- Prison/jail population cost estimates would be written for initiated measures only after the petitions have been submitted and approved by the Secretary of State's office, following a deadline before ballots are printed.
- The estimates would be limited to 200 words or less for initiated measures.