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Subject: Provides for voter registration at age sixteen	

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Present law provides that every citizen of Louisiana who is at least 18 years of age and meets certain other requirements shall be eligible to vote. Provides, however, that any person who is 17 years old who is otherwise qualified to vote may register to vote at any time prior to the first election at which the person shall have attained the age of 18. Proposed law repeals provisions of present law relative to registration by a person who is 17 years old and provides that every citizen of Louisiana who is at least 16 years of age and who meets other requirements of present law may register to vote. Present law provides that any person age 17 may register to vote at driver's license facilities. Proposed law provides that any person at least 16, instead of 17 years of age may register to vote at driver's license facilities. Present law requires DHH to send a report each month to the registrar in each parish regarding persons in the parish who died in the preceding month and the Department of State regarding persons in each parish in the state who died in the preceding month. Proposed law instead provides that the reports shall include information concerning persons who were at least 16 years of age.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$54,388	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,388
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$54,388	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,388

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Secretary of State would incur one-time costs in the amount of approximately \$54,388 for the Secretary of State in FY 15. The legislation would require programming changes to the Elections Registration & Information Network (ERIN), as well as three of the online applications (Voter Portal, Online Voter Registration, and Agency Voter Registration, which is used by the Office of Motor Vehicles). The department's existing vendor currently charges approximately \$100 per hour for programming and the department estimates approximately 320 hours of work is necessary to make these changes (320 hours x \$100 = \$32,000). The Secretary of State would also need to modify and reprint the Voter Registration Application form. An initial order of 200,000 would cost \$19,600.

In addition, the Secretary of State will need to revise the National Voter Registration Act in Voter Registration agencies (NVRAP) booklet. The last order that was placed for these booklets was \$2,788 for 5,000 booklets.

The Department of Public Safety indicates the proposed law will require approximately 80 hours of overtime for an IT Applications Programmer Analyst II and 10 hours of overtime for an IT Applications Management Consultant at an average cost of \$32 per hour (\$32 x 90 = \$2,880) plus associated Medicare expenses (\$2,880 x 1.45% = \$42), or a total of \$2,922 in personal services. The legislation will require modification of the Driver's License Issuance System to allow for a 16 year old driver to be afforded the opportunity to register to vote. The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional IT work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the Department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, the Department may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | |

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