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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 290** HLS 15RS 740

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Extension of time for voting on election day		

ELECTIONS

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Provides for an extension of time for voting on election day under certain circumstances

Proposed law provides an exception to present law regarding polls closing at 8 PM on election day in the event the polls are delayed from opening or voting is interrupted for longer than 15 minutes. Proposed law provides that the parish boards of election supervisors shall order an extension of poll closing times equal to the number of minutes voting was interrupted and alert voters of the extension through all means necessary if one is ordered. Proposed law also provides that a polling place shall not be considered open unless voting is able to take place. Proposed law further provides that voting does not terminate at 8 PM, but rather when all voters at a polling place have voted.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may cause an increase in state general fund and local expenditures by an indeterminable amount. The Secretary of State would be liable to reimburse parish boards of election supervisors at a rate of \$50 per member for emergency meetings in the event voting has been interrupted for 15 minutes or more, as well as public service announcements in local media to alert voters of the extension of poll times.

The proposed legislation may also increase direct and indirect costs for Secretary of State staff, poll commissioners, commissioners-in-charge, registrars of voters employees, and clerks of court employees. Clerks of court employees represent the only local costs which may be increased. Due to the increase of expenditures only occurring in the event polls close for 15 minutes or more, the actual increase in expenditures pursuant to the proposed legislation cannot be determined.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {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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