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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 651** HLS 15RS 1257
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Voter Registration at OMV Facilities	

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 Provides for automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities

Proposed law provides for automatic voter registration at Office of Motor Vehicles Facilities.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$81,240	\$29,240	\$29,240	\$29,240	\$29,240	\$198,200
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	\$81,240	\$29,240	\$29,240	\$29,240	\$29,240	\$198,200

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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will increase state general fund expenditures for the Secretary of State and Department of Public Safety & Corrections by approximately \$81,000 in FY 16 and \$29,000 in subsequent fiscal years.

Estimated mailing costs for the Secretary of State associated with this bill total \$29,240 annually. This bill requires the Secretary of State to notify by mail each person whom it receives registration information about how they may change party affiliation, decline voter registration, or update an existing registration, which represents an expansion of services. The Secretary of State receives approximately 61,000 electronic voter registration applications annually. Notification mailings cost \$0.34 per card, resulting in a total of approximately \$20,700 annually based on an annual average of 61,000 application. Pre-paid return postage costs \$0.28 per mailing for each notification card. Assuming half of the notification mailings are returned (30,500), return postage will total \$8,540.

The Secretary of State anticipates one-time development costs of \$52,000 to modify the Agency Voter Registration (AVR) computer program for receipt of information from the Office of Motor Vehicles. The Secretary of State will contract these expenses to GCR Inc. at a rate of \$100 per hour. The Secretary of State estimates a total of 520 man-hours will be needed to complete this project. To the extent multiple pieces of legislation are passed requiring the Secretary of State to contract out IT services beyond its current contract, additional resources may be required.

DPS&C also estimates a one-time programming cost of \$16,232 for overtime related to IT development costs. Currently the driver's license application does not have enough space to include additional information necessary for voter registration. The Office of Technology Services will use the printed form for voter registration instead. DPS&C will generate and send a file to the Secretary of State at least every five days including driver's license application information necessary for voter registration, the registrant's signature from the DLPHOTO image system, and the option to decline if chosen. This file will be sent for receipt to the Secretary of State's AVR computer program. 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 SGF resources.

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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