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ELECTION DAYS OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides that local tax elections can be held only at the same time as statewide or congressional elections. (gov sig)

Provides for restricting local tax elections to be held only at the same time as a statewide or congressional election.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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

Implementation of the proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable increase in state expenditures. Traditionally, the ballots for statewide or congressional elections are crowded and may be unable to accommodate any additional ballot items. Because of the limitation on the number of items a voting machine ballot can hold, additional voting machines may have to be purchased to include ballots for the bond or tax elections provided for in this legislation. The Secretary of State indicates it would cost approximately \$23.3 million to purchase 1 additional voting machine (\$6,000 each) for every precinct (3,877) in the state. (3,877 precincts x \$6,000 per machine = \$23,262,000). The agency would also incur increased storage costs for the new machines (\$751,363) along with increased expenses for voting machine drayage (\$207,264).

The proposed legislation appears to require the purchase of additional voting machines by the state to accommodate any instance in which the number of ballot items exceeds the physical limitations of the machine. The projected \$23.5 million state expenditure increase represents the maximum impact of this bill.

Expenditures associated with acquisition of additional voting machines is one-time and non-recurring. Expenditures associated with storage would be incurred annually. Expenditures associated with drayage would be incurred only when a statewide or congressional election is held.

Because there are no statewide or congressional elections scheduled in FY 14, upon enactment of this bill local bond and tax elections would have 3 times within a 4-year period to have items on the statewide ballot. However, this bill does provide for the taxing authority to hold one emergency bond or tax election per calendar year.

Election expenses for local governments will decrease when local tax elections are held at the same time as a statewide or congressional election. Local governments pay a prorated cost based on the number of items on the ballot during statewide or congressional elections.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {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}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director