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Subject: E-mail address for candidates and elected officials	

SECRETARY OF STATE OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Requires the secretary of state to include the email addresses of candidates and elected officials on the department database. (8/1/12)

Requires the secretary of state to include the e-mail address for all current and future serving statewide and local elected officials on its website by September 1, 2012.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will likely result in an indeterminable increase in governmental expenditures.

According to the Secretary of State, to include the e-mail address for all current and future statewide and local elected officials on its website would require a one-time expenditure of \$153,500 for computer programming (\$149,500) and mailing (\$4,000) expenses. Computer programming is estimated to cost \$149,500. The hourly rate of pay is calculated at \$115 per hour for 1,300 hours. Programming activities involve changing the candidate qualifying screen; adding the e-mail address to the candidate form and the commissioner screen; changing the oath form, reports, candidate inquiry web application, the elected officials page and the elected officials database, etc. The Secretary of State anticipates all programming for elections to be performed by a private contractor.

In order to collect the e-mail address from current elected officials, the agency would incur additional mailing costs. An additional \$4,000 would be required to provide for postage (\$0.45 x 6,800 = \$3,060) and envelopes (\$940) for mailings to 6,800 current elected officials. The agency currently does not have this information.

The agency indicates that it will not be able to meet the September 1, 2012 implementation date called for in the legislation because of the computer programming activities required for the upcoming fall elections.

The LFO believes that the proposed legislation will likely result in an indeterminable increase in governmental expenditures. However, the Legislative Fiscal Office is further researching and verifying the expenditure information provided by the Secretary of State.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}</p>	<p><u>Dual Referral Rules</u></p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p>
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