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Dept.	/Agy.: Secretary of State	

Subject: Authorizes local governing authorities to call an election

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(Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes local governing authorities to call an election for the purpose of allowing the sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana

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<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:966) provides for the regulation of controlled dangerous substances, and prohibits the possession, distribution, dispensing, or possession with intent to distribute or dispense marijuana.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> authorizes a local governing authority to call an election for the purpose of authorizing the sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana within the jurisdiction of the governing authority.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held October 12, 2019.

EXPENDITURES	2019-20	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed constitutional amendment will have no material impact on SGF expenditures in FY 20 as a result of the proposition being added to the ballot on October 12, 2019. As a regular practice, the Secretary of State typically budgets for up to 10 propositions or constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections.

To the extent passage of **proposed constitutional amendment** prompts local governing authorities to call an election for the purpose of authorizing the sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana within its jurisdiction, those local governing authorities will realize an increase in expenditures for these additional elections. Pursuant to LA R.S. 18:1400.1 (C)(3) local governing authorities must reimburse the Secretary of State for all expenses incurred to hold local-only or municipal-only elections. The number of local governing authorities that may choose to call such an election is unknown and the costs cannot be estimated.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

