LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Louisiana egislative 🛉 **Fiscal Note** Fiscal SB Office Fiscal Note On: 369 SLS 22RS 299 Fiscal Bill Text Version: ORIGINAL Notes Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.: 1:12 PM

Date: March 24, 2022 **Dept./Agy.:** Department of State Author: HARRIS, JIMMY

Analyst: Kimberly Fruge Subject: Increased Compensation for Election Workers OR INCREASE GF EX See Note ELECTION CODE Page 1 of 1 Provides for compensation for certain election workers. (8/1/22)

Present law stipulates that compensation for the members of a Parish Board of Election Supervisors is \$50 for each day spent performing the duties associated with preparing for and supervising elections. Proposed law increases the compensation amount to \$150 per day.

Present law stipulates that compensation for Election Commissioner-in-Charge who serves at more than one precinct is \$300. Proposed law increases the compensation amount to \$350.

Present law stipulates that compensation for Election Commissioners who assist Registrars of Voters with the conduct of early voting be paid \$100 per day. Proposed law increases the compensation amount to \$150 per day.

| EXPENDITURES State Gen. Fd. | <u>2022-23</u> INCREASE | 2023-24 INCREASE | 2024-25 INCREASE | 2025-26 SEE BELOW | 2026-27 INCREASE | <u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 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> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | <u>2024-25</u> | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 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> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in a significant increase in SGF expenditures in FY 23, FY 24, FY 25, and FY 27 as a result of compensation increases for various election workers. Proposed law sets the compensation for certain election workers as follows: Parish Board of Election Supervisors (PBES) - \$150 per day (an increase of \$100 per day); Commissioner-in-Charge over multiple precincts (CICM) - \$350 (an increase of \$50); and Early Voting Commissioners - \$150 per day (an increase of \$50 per day).

The Department of State estimates it will cost at least an additional \$306,850 per statewide election to implement proposed law and are unable to determine the costs associated with non-statewide elections at this time. FY 23, FY 25, and FY 27 are scheduled to have two (2) statewide elections, equating to an increase of at least \$613,700. FY 24 is scheduled to have three (3) statewide elections, therefore expenditures will increase by at least \$920,550. In addition to the statewide elections, FY 23, FY 25, and FY 27 are scheduled to have two (2) non-statewide elections, FY 24 is scheduled to have one (1) non-statewide election, and FY 26 is scheduled to have four (4) nonstatewide elections. The cost for the non-statewide elections will be dependent upon the pro-rata share of the cost based on which parish is holding the election and are thus indeterminable. Below is a breakdown of the increased costs based on each position per statewide election:

CICMs: There are approximately 393 CICMs selected per statewide election. Proposed law would increase the compensation amount by \$50. This would increase expenditures by \$19,650 (393 CICMs x \$50 increase) per statewide election.

PBES: Each PBES is composed of five (5) members who are compensated for attending a maximum of six (6) meetings per election. Proposed law would increase the compensation amount by \$100 per day which would equate to an increase of \$3,000 per parish (5 members x 6 meeting x \$100 per day increase) and \$192,000 statewide (\$3,000 per parish x 64 parishes).

Early Voting Commissioners: There are approximately 272 Early Voting Commissioners selected for each statewide election. Early voting is set to occur over a period of at least 7 days. Proposed law would increase the compensation amount by \$50 per day which would equate to an increase of at least \$95,200 (272 Early Voting Commissioners x 7 days x \$50 per day increase) per statewide election.

Therefore, the total cost for statewide elections is at least \$306,850 (\$19,650 for CICM increase + \$192,000 for PBES increase + \$95,200 for Early Voting Commissioners increase). The costs for non-statewide elections are indeterminable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

