

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 319** HLS 24RS 567  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Department of State	
<b>Subject:</b> Notice of reason to change polling place	<b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge

ELECTIONS/POLLING PLACES OR +\$32,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to notice of the reason for changes to polling places

Current law requires the parish governing authority to inform the Secretary of State of all polling place location changes. Proposed law requires the parish governing authority to include the reason for the change in the notice of change.

Current law requires the Secretary of State to maintain a list of polling place locations on the Secretary of State’s website and allows parish elections officials to publish polling place locations on their website, where applicable. Proposed law requires the Secretary of State to include the reason for polling location change on the website and to provide the list of polling place changes in a sortable format. Proposed law further requires parish election officials who maintain a website to publish a list of polling location changes on their website and provide a clearly visible link to the list on the Secretary of State’s website.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$32,000</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$32,000</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>INCREASE</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an increase in expenditures to the Secretary of State and to local governing authorities to implement proposed law. The Secretary of State reports a one-time expenditure of \$32,000 SGF for IT development of the website to include the reason for each change with the polling location change and provide it in a sortable format.

Proposed law will also result in an increase in Local Funds expenditures for parish Registrars of Voters and Clerks of Court who maintain websites; however, such impacts are nuanced and situational and are not likely to be significant. Proposed law requires the parish Registrar of Voters or Clerk of Court to publish a list of polling place location changes within the parish and the reason for each change on their website, as well as provide a link to the list on the Secretary of State’s website. The impact to the parish election officials will depend on whether they currently provide a list of location changes on their website and whether there is an additional burden of adding the reason and the link the the Secretary of State’s website. The costs of adding information will vary parish to parish and depend on the website interface and the labor costs associated with making changes to the website.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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