

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 182** SLS 24RS 274

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Attorney General Prosecution - Felony Election Offenses		

ATTORNEY GENERAL

OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX

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Constitutional amendment to authorize the attorney general to institute, prosecute, or intervene in any criminal action or proceeding concerning a felony election offense. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

Current Constitution is a constitutional provision which delineates the powers and duties of the Attorney General. Proposed Constitutional amendment expands the provision which provides that the attorney general shall have the authority to institute, prosecute, or intervene in any criminal action or proceeding concerning a felony election offense of the Louisiana Election Code; provides that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to voters of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held 11/05/24.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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						
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed Constitutional amendment authorizes, but does not require, the Attorney General, to institute, prosecute, or intervene in any criminal action or proceeding concerning a felony election offense of the Louisiana Election Code. To the extent that the Attorney General uses this authorization, there may be expenses incurred with workload associated with instituting, prosecuting, or intervening in criminal actions involving felony election offenses. The LFO presumes that the Attorney General can absorb any projected increase in workload using existing staff and resources.

The proposed Constitutional amendment may result in a minimal increase in programing costs for the Department of State to update voting machines for statewide judicial elections and can likely be absorbed within the department's existing operating budget.

The Department of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Department of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Department of State may require additional SGF resources for the November 5, 2024, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 25.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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