

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 261** SLS 24RS 154

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Department of State		<b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge
<b>Subject:</b> Super Watchers by Political Parties		

ELECTION CODE

EG +\$67,150 GF EX See Note

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Provides for additional poll watchers at polling places for elections. (8/1/24)

Proposed law allows the state central committee of each recognized political party having at least 25% of registered voters may have one watcher in every precinct as well as super waters in each parish where that party is represented on the ballot in primary and general elections and the number of super watchers is based on the number of registered voters in each parish. Proposed law allows the state central committee of each recognized political party having at least 25% of registered voters may designate early voting watchers and alternative watchers at each early voting location.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$67,150</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$67,150</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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$67,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,150</b>

  

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in a one-time increase of \$67,150 SGF for the Department of State to provide privacy screens and curtains at early voting locations in order to accommodate early voting watchers. The Department of State indicates they would need privacy screens for 113 ERIN desktops and 51 early voting laptops at an estimated cost of \$16,620. In addition, the department indicates there are 32 early voting sites that do not currently have privacy curtains and related equipment for the early voting machines. The estimated cost for the privacy curtains and related equipment is approximately \$50,530.

**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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