## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE **Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On:

HB

**648** HLS 25RS 970

Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED

Opp. Chamb. Action: W/ SEN FLOOR AMD

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For .:

Date: June 3, 2025

**ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES** 

1:52 PM

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State

Subject: Campaign Sign Recycling Fund

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Increases candidate qualifying fees and dedicates the monies to the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund

Proposed law creates the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund; requires all candidates, other than candidates for the state central committee or parish executive committee of a political party, to pay an additional \$25 qualifying fee to be deposited into the fund; provides that the Secretary of State use the money to recycle political campaign signs.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund to be used by the Secretary of State to recycle political campaign signs. The LFO assumes that any monies deposited into the fund will require a specific appropriation by the legislature.

Treasury requires certain resources to create and administer a statutory dedication, as in this measure. Should aggregate session action result in the creation of funds beyond that which can be absorbed within existing resources, additional funding may be required, which is assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Senate

Proposed law will increase qualifying fees deposited into the statutorily dedicated Campaign Sign Recycling Fund. Proposed law requires all candidates, other than candidates for the state central committee or parish executive committee of a political party, to pay an additional \$25 qualifying fee to be deposited into the fund.

Based on the past five fiscal years, the average number of candidates who paid a qualifying fee is 2,043. With the additional \$25 fee, an average of \$51,075 is anticipated to be deposited into the fund annually. The table below presents the actual number of qualifying candidates over the past five fiscal years with the potential revenue increase had the \$25 qualifying fee been required. The actual amount will fluctuate year-to-year depending on which elections are being held in that year.

Year	# of Candidates	Addit	tional \$25 Fee
FY 21	3,095		77,375
FY 22	591	\$	14,775
FY 23	2,968	\$	74,200
FY 24	2,383	\$	59,575
FY 25	1,177	\$	29,425
Average	2,043	\$	51,075

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

Change {S & H}

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

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

<u>House</u>

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