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Fiscal Note On: **SB** **1** SLS 251ES 6

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State	
Subject: Special Election Dates for Spring 2026	**Analyst:** Kimberly Fruge

ELECTION CODE EN SEE FISC NOTE

Provides for adjustments regarding certain elections held in calendar year 2026. (Item #1) (gov sig)

Proposed law moves the April 18, 2026, election to May 16, 2026, and moves the May 30, 2026, election to June 27, 2026; provides for date changes for various deadlines including the qualifying period, nominating period, and campaign finance disclosure deadlines; changes the requirement that a portion of qualified signatures for nominating petitions for U.S. Senate and U.S. Representatives candidates comes from within the congressional district to within the state; and provides that any notice, resolution, proclamation, or certification by a local governing authority shall not be invalidated for failure to state the May 16, 2026, or June 27, 2026, election dates.

EXPENDITURES	**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**	**2028-29**	**2029-30**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
State Gen. Fd.	**SEE BELOW**	$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	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Secretary of State's office has indicated that moving these elections to new dates will increase workload for elections and IT staff. The only potential cost associated with moving the elections is editing and reprinting election and educational materials that have already been completed. The department has indicated that any such cost will be minimal and can be absorbed within its operating budget.

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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