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**Fiscal Note**

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VOTERS/VOTING OR +\$680,715 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to the early voting period

Current law provides for early voting to occur 14 to 7 days prior to a non-presidential election, except on Sundays, and 18 to 7 days prior to a presidential election, except on Sundays. Proposed law adds Sundays to the early voting period; provides that if early voting period is suspended, one day of early voting shall be added for each day that is suspended; provides that Saturdays and Sundays should not be considered a holiday during early voting.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$680,715</b>	<b>\$535,115</b>	<b>\$535,115</b>	<b>\$401,336</b>	<b>\$535,115</b>	<b>\$2,687,396</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>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$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>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in a significant increase in SGF expenditures by the Department of State and an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for Registrars of Voters to extend the early voting to include Sundays. By extending the early voting period, proposed law would increase overtime and travel expenses for Election Operations Division staff within the Secretary of State (SOS) as well as overtime expenses for Registrars of Voters and costs for Early Voting Commissioners hired to assist with early voting. The SOS reports that one-time expenditure of \$145,600 is necessary for IT development to implement the proposed law.

The Secretary of State estimates the cost per Sunday of early voting would be \$133,779, which includes the average overtime costs per day for Registrar of Voters (\$93,250), part-time Registrar of Voters staff (\$622), Early Voting Election Commissioners (\$13,450), staff within the SOS's Election Operations Division (\$15,750), overtime for IT help desk staff (\$707), and \$10,000 for additional supplies. For the presidential elections in FY 29, the proposed law extends early voting by two days, for all other elections proposed law extends early voting by one day. The SOS estimates non-statewide elections at 50% of the cost of statewide elections, resulting in an increase of \$66,889 for non-statewide elections. To the extent municipal/local elections happen in more or less than 50% of the state then costs will increase or decrease accordingly.

Below is a breakdown of costs for the additional days of early voting per fiscal year:

- FY 27 - \$680,715 - 4 non-presidential statewide elections + one-time IT development
- FY 28 - \$535,115 - 4 non-presidential statewide elections
- FY 29 - \$535,115 - 1 presidential election (2 Sundays), 1 non-presidential statewide election, 2 non-statewide elections
- FY 30 - \$401,336 - 2 non-presidential statewide election, 2 non-statewide elections
- FY 31 - \$535,115 - 4 non-presidential statewide elections

Proposed law extends the early voting period for each day that the early voting period is suspended. The Secretary of State may realize additional costs related to publishing notices about new deadlines and may result in an increase in workload. Any such costs are indeterminable at this time.

**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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