

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 218** SLS 26RS 520

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> May 12, 2026                                     | 9:29 AM | <b>Author:</b> TALBOT          |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Secretary of State                         |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge |
| <b>Subject:</b> Certification Programs for Election Officials |         |                                |

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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Provides for certification programs for election officials. (8/1/26)

Current law provides for training for Registrars of Voters, Chief Deputy Registrars, and Confidential Assistants through the Certified Elections Registration Administrator Program administered through Auburn University and the Election Center. Proposed law allows the State Board of Election Supervisors to approve a substantially equivalent program as an alternative option.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    | 2029-30    | 2030-31    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</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>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b>    |

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law allows the State Board of Election Supervisors to approve an alternative election administration program for training Registrars of Voters, Chief Deputy Registrars, and Confidential Assistants.

**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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