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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 211** HLS 18RS 171

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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ELECTIONS

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Provides relative to certain records of the registrar of voters

Present law requires the registrar to post a copy of each list containing absentee by mail and early voters in a conspicuous place accessible to the public at the entrance to his office. Proposed law provides instead that the registrar ensure that each list is available for inspection by members of the public at the principal office of the registrar when the office is open. Additionally requires the lists to be posted on the website of the secretary of state at least until the election returns have been promulgated. Present law requires the registrar to allow his records to be copied only when 25 or more qualified voters make a request in writing. Proposed law requires the registrar to permit the copying of lists of early and absentee by mail voters prepared pursuant to present law (R.S. 18:1311) upon the request of a single person of the age of majority instead of 25 or more qualified voters.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
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	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be no additional expenses to the Secretary of State (SOS) as a result of the proposed legislation. The SOS will add a component to the existing website where Registrar of Voters can upload lists containing absentee by mail and early voters daily, and be visible to the public, however the SOS anticipates the costs associated with this can be absorbed within the existing operating budget.

There may be increased costs to the Registrar of Voters to the extent more individuals request copies of early and absentee by mail voting lists. Additionally, Registrar of Voters will now be responsible to upload voter lists to the SOS's website, however there are no anticipated costs associated with this additional step. Pursuant to R.S. 18:132 Registrar of Voters receive funding from the Secretary of State and the local governing authority for various office supplies.

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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