



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

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Proposed Amd.:
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Dept./Agy.: State		
Subject: Adds Sunday to the Early Voting Period		Analyst: Patrice Thomas

ELECTIONS OR +\$336,826 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
Provides for voting on Sunday during an early voting period

Present law provides for early voting for a period from 14 to 7 days before an election day, except on holidays and Sundays. Present law requires registrar of voters’ offices to open Monday through Saturday (except legal holidays and Sundays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the early voting period. Proposed law adds Sundays to the early voting period. Proposed law requires registrar of voters’ offices to open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the early voting period.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$336,826	\$231,272	\$357,339	\$429,410	\$379,101	\$1,733,948
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGF expenditures by \$336,826 in FY 21 within the Secretary of State and an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures within Registrars of Voters offices statewide to open on Sundays. According to R.S. 18:1309, the early voting period runs from 14 days to 7 days before any scheduled election, excluding Sundays and legal holidays. Proposed law requires the Secretary of State to establish early voting on Sundays during the early voting period and Registrars of Voters to remain open on Sundays during the early voting period.

According to R.S. 18:1400.8 during early voting, Registrars of Voters and their staff are paid overtime for any day during the week between 4:30 p.m. and the time that early voting terminates that day and on Saturdays. Although proposed law is silent as to overtime payment on Sundays, the LFO assumes overtime payment on Sundays will be paid by the Secretary of State. During the early voting period, Registrars of Voters may or may not utilize early voting commissioners on Sundays. Early voting commissioners receive a per diem rate of \$100 per day. In addition, some registrars use part-time employees and these employees would be paid at their normal rate of pay.

Based on the last two statewide elections in the 2019 calendar year, the cost per Saturday for the Registrars of Voters, their staff, commissioners and part-time staff totaled \$112,279. The Secretary of State estimates the cost per Saturday for non-statewide elections to be half the cost of statewide elections at \$56,134. Listed below is a projected breakdown of costs per fiscal year:

FY 21 - \$336,826 - 2 Sundays for statewide elections (2x\$112,279) and 2 Sundays for non-statewide elections (2x\$56,134)
FY 22 - \$231,272 - 4 Sunday for non-statewide elections (4x\$57,818)
FY 23 - \$357,339 - 2 Sundays for statewide elections (2x\$119,117) and 2 Sundays for non-statewide elections (2x\$59,553)
FY 24 - \$429,410 - 3 Sundays for statewide elections (3x\$122,690) and 1 Sundays for non-statewide elections (1x\$61,339)
FY 25 - \$379,101 - 2 Sundays for statewide elections (2x\$126,371) and 2 Sundays for non-statewide elections (2x\$63,179)

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director



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Note: The LFO assumes an annual 3% market rate adjustment in subsequent fiscal years for staff, commissioners and part-time staff. To the degree that these individuals do not receive such adjustments in whole or part, the fiscal exposure would diminish by an indeterminable but minimal amount.

Office Expenses to Open on Sunday

Registrar of Voters offices and other early voting locations may incur additional operating costs such as building security for each extra day. These costs indeterminable. These indeterminable costs would be split between the Secretary of State and the local jurisdictions.

The Secretary of State Elections Operations staff and Information Technology staff provide statewide supports to all early voting sites on weekend days during the early voting period. The Elections Operations and Information Technology staff that work early voting on Sunday would earn compensatory time for the extra hours. Compensatory leave is a future fiscal liability to the Secretary of State. Also, the Secretary of State would be required to pay any employees who work this extra day and have exceeded the compensatory time threshold. However, compensatory time costs are indeterminable.

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