



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 704** HLS 21RS 2067
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 Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**
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| Subject: Super Watchers by Political Parties | | Analyst: Patrice Thomas |

ELECTIONS REF SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to elections

Proposed law allows the state central committee of each recognized political party having at least 25% of registered voters (currently the Republican Party and the Democratic Party) may have one watcher in every precinct as well as super watchers in each parish where that party is represented on the ballot in primary and general elections and the number of super watchers is based on the number of registered voters in each parish. Proposed law allows the state central committee of each recognized political party having at least 25% of registered voters may designate early voting watchers and alternative watchers at each early voting location. Proposed law effective 1/01/2022.

| EXPENDITURES | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 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 | <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 is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law authorizes each recognized political party to have one watcher at every precinct and super watchers in primary and general elections as well as watchers and alternative watchers at each early voting location. Watchers and super watchers are not compensated by state or local government entities.

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}

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 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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