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Subject: Redistricting of Louisiana Congressional Districts

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Provides for redistricting of Louisiana congressional districts. (Item #1)(See Act)

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the six congressional districts.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$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
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a one-time increase in FY 24 SGF expenditures to the Department of State (DoS) to mail out notifications to registered voters about changes to the congressional districts. Based on conversations with DoS, the LFO estimates the costs of the notification card, printing, and postage at \$0.65 per notification. There are 2,976,797 voters in the state. The maximum cost exposure would thus equate to approximately \$1.9 M for notification cards, assuming every voter required notification. **DoS has indicated this cost would be incurred in FY 24 in preparation for the Fall election.**

During testimony the Secretary of State stated the intent to distribute notifications to every voter. The legislation does not appear to require such notification. To the extent that the department only sends notifications to those voters impacted by redistricting, costs will decrease accordingly. The table below represents the potential costs based on the potential number of voters impacted by the redistricting of the congressional districts.

Percentage of Voters	Number of Voters	Potential Cost
100%	2,976,797	\$1,934,918
75%	2,232,598	\$1,451,189
50%	1,488,399	\$967,459
25%	744,199	\$483,730
10%	297,680	\$193,492

This fiscal note assumes the Department of State will send out all notifications when the law becomes effective.

Proposed law may also result in a minimal increase in programming costs for the Department of State to update voting machines to reflect the new congressional districts. This cost can likely be absorbed within the department's existing operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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