



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 351** HLS 25RS 555

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 17, 2025	4:43 PM	<b>Author:</b> JOHNSON, MIKE
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Department of State		
<b>Subject:</b> Court costs for objections to candidacy		<b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES

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Provides for penalties for attesting to false information in a notice of candidacy

Current law allows a qualified elector to bring an action objecting to a candidacy; provides for circumstances. Proposed law provides the court may require a candidate who knowingly attests to false information in a notice of candidacy to pay the court costs and attorney fees associated with the challenge to their candidacy.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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>
Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides the court may require a candidate who knowingly attests to false information in a notice of candidacy to pay the court costs and attorney fees associated with the challenge to their candidacy.

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}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}
- ☐ 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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