



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 4** HLS 251ES 12

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State	
Subject: Special Provisions for Fall 2026 Elections	Analyst: Kimberly Fruge

ELECTIONS/DATESEG NO IMPACT See NotePage 1 of 1

Provides for the conduct of fall elections for party primary offices in 2026 (Item #1)

Current law provides that the fall primary election (November 3, 2026) shall serve as the general election date for a party primary office and provides that a candidate who receives the most votes cast for a party primary office general election is elected. Under current law, no party primary office election is included in the fall general election (December 12, 2026).

Proposed law provides that for 2026, the fall primary election for officers elected at the same time as members of Congress shall also serve as a primary election date for a party primary office, and the fall general election (December 12th) shall also serve as a general election date for a party primary office. A candidate would be elected to office during the fall primary election only if they receive a majority of the votes cast for that office; otherwise, the fall general election would be necessary and the candidate receiving the most votes would be elected to the party primary office.

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

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 changes how many votes are required for party primary offices to be elected in the fall primary election from the most votes cast to a majority of votes cast. Under the proposed law, if no candidate receives a majority vote, a general election for the party primary office will be held during the fall general election. Proposed law does not change the characterization of the elections, as both the fall primary election (November 3rd) and the fall general election (December 12th) in 2026 are currently scheduled and budgeted as statewide elections. Therefore, no additional funding is required.

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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