

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 4** HLS 26RS 292

Bill Text Version: **RE-REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 14, 2026	4:41 PM	<b>Author:</b> MCMAKIN
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Legislature		<b>Analyst:</b> Julie Silva
<b>Subject:</b> Constitutional Convention		

CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION RR INCREASE GF EX See Note  
Provides relative to the calling of a constitutional convention

Proposed legislation requires the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, meeting jointly, to prepare legislation relative to the calling of a constitutional convention and proposed rules of procedure for legislative consideration during the 2027 RS. Proposed legislation further outlines multiple convention-related proposals for committee consideration, including provisions relative to delegate selection, convention organization and procedures, scheduling, compensation, ethics and election requirements, funding and audit oversight, and submission of a proposed constitution to the electorate. Under the proposed framework, a constitutional convention would convene in April 2028 with 93 delegates, including elected and gubernatorial appointee delegates, with related provisions for delegate elections, qualifying fees, delegate compensation and travel reimbursements, and submission of a proposed constitution to voters at the statewide general election scheduled for 12/16/28.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	\$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>
<b>Annual Total</b>				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation will result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures associated with required joint meetings of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs prior to the 2027 RS. Based on the current per diem rate of \$178, estimated per diem costs total approximately \$4,450 per meeting day in FY 27 if all committee members are in attendance. The legislature routinely appropriates funding for interim committee meeting per diem and travel reimbursements; therefore, any associated expenditures pursuant to proposed legislation are anticipated to be absorbed within existing resources.

Note: Proposed legislation includes a constitutional convention framework for consideration by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, including provisions relative to delegate selection, convention procedures, staffing, scheduling, and submission of a proposed constitution to the electorate. Additional details and potential fiscal impacts related to this proposed framework are provided on page two of this note.

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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation includes proposals providing for qualifying fee revenue in FY 28 from candidates for constitutional convention delegate positions. Under the proposed framework, Senate district delegate candidates would qualify as local candidates and pay a \$325 qualifying fee, of which \$300 would be retained by the applicable clerk of court as local revenue and \$25 would be deposited into the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund. Public Service Commission (PSC) delegate candidates would qualify as state candidates and pay a \$475 qualifying fee, of which \$450 would be retained by the Secretary of State as SGR and \$25 would be deposited into the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund. Total revenue generated would depend on the number and type of candidates who qualify.

Proposed legislation further provides that constitutional convention delegate candidates would be subject to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and convention delegates would be subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics. To the extent violations occur, revenue from additional fees and fines may be collected by the Board of Ethics and deposited into the SGF.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 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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**CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:**

Proposed legislation identifies multiple convention-related proposals for governmental affairs committee consideration, including provisions relative to delegate selection, convention procedures, staffing, scheduling, and submission of a proposed constitution to the electorate. Pursuant to the proposed framework, a constitutional convention would convene in April 2028 and include committee activity prior to a formal 30 day convention period scheduled from 9/16/28 through 10/15/28.

Under the proposed framework, 93 delegates would be eligible to receive per diem at the current rate of \$178 per day, for an estimated total of approximately \$16,554 per meeting day assuming full attendance. Delegates would also be eligible for travel reimbursements consistent with those provided to members of the legislature. Total expenditures associated with delegate per diem and travel reimbursements will depend on the final meeting schedule, attendance, and reimbursement rates in effect at that time.

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor estimates convention-related audit expenditures of approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 depending on the scope of the audit. Any additional costs incurred by the Ethics Administration associated with required disclosure filings are expected to be absorbed within existing resources.

Proposed legislation further includes proposals providing for the election of delegates and submission of a proposed constitution to the electorate at statewide elections in 2028. The Secretary of State budgets for statewide elections in the ordinary course of business; therefore, any associated costs are expected to be absorbed within the agency's existing budget.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

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