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ELECTION CODE
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Makes revisions to the Election Code

Revisions to the election code.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
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Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Implementation of the proposed legislation will result in an indeterminable decrease in state expenditures. The following are changes that are anticipated to reduce state expenses.

Allowing the Secretary of State to provide registrars with an electronic copy of a duplicate precinct register rather than a hard copy is anticipated to save approximately $1,070 for each statewide election. The Secretary of State reports that registrars in only seven parishes requested a duplicate copy of precinct registers during the November 2010 statewide election. The savings reflected above is the cost the Secretary of State paid to print and ship hard copies of duplicate registers to the seven registrars that requested them.

Changing the requirement for the clerk of court to conduct an annual instead of semiannual general course of instruction for commissioners is anticipated to save approximately $53,883 per statewide election. This savings is half the cost paid for the semiannual training in FY 10.

Changing the requirement for the parish board of supervisors to select a minimum of three absentee by mail and early voting commissioners to a maximum of six is anticipated to result in an indeterminable decrease in state expenditures. Utilizing data from the last 4 elections to determine the historical number of excess commissioners hired based on the maximum allowed in this legislation shows there were 41 excess commissioners employed during the 2008 presidential preference election and 107 excess commissioners hired during the 2008 presidential election. Each commissioner is paid $50 per election.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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☐ 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 >= $500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
☐ 6.8(F)2 >= $100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}
☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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