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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 209** HLS 12RS 883  
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<b>Subject:</b> Poll Hours	

ELECTION CODE EN DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to hours polls are required to be open on election day

With the exception of when the congressional primary election and other elections held at the same same time as the congressional primary, this legislation reduces one hour in the morning from the hours the polls are open on election day and the hours the registrar of voters offices are open on election day. The legislation changes the hours the polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. It also changes the hours the registrar of voters offices are open from 6 am until 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Effective January 1, 2013.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will result in an indeterminable decrease in state expenditures.

With the exception of the congressional primary election and other elections held at the same time as the congressional primary, the legislation would reduce the present work day for commissioners, commissioners-in-charge, registrars and employees in the registrar's offices, and clerks of court and employees in the clerks of court offices from the present 15 hour day (5:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.) to a 14 hour day (6:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.) by reducing 1 hour of the election voting day in the morning. Payments to commissioners and commissioners-in-charge would remain the same at \$200 and \$250/\$300 respectively. Compensation to commissioners and commissioners-in-charge is mandated in R.S. 18:526.1.

The registrars of voters and its employees earn compensatory time on election day, so there is no cost savings relative to the registrars offices. The clerks of court bill the state for its employees hours, so this bill should be reduced by 1 hour per employee. Based on the average hourly overtime rate of \$24.58 and 14 average workers in each clerks of court office, the 1 hour savings for each statewide election would be approximately \$22,024 (14 employees x \$24.58 per hour x 64 parishes = \$22,023.68).

No statewide elections are scheduled in FY 13 (after the effective date of the legislation) or in FY 14. Two statewide elections are scheduled in each of the following fiscal years: FY 15, FY 16, and FY 17. The two statewide elections in FY 15 and FY 17 include the congressional primary election and congressional general election. Since the legislation does not exempt the congressional general election from the reduced poll hours, at least \$22,023.68 (14 employees x \$24.58 per hour x 64 parishes = \$22,023.68) is anticipated to be saved in fiscal years 2015 and 2017 when the second statewide election or the congressional general election is held. At least \$44, 047.36 (\$22,023.68 x 2 = \$44,047.36) is anticipated to be saved in FY 16 when two statewide elections are scheduled for the gubernatorial elections.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

<p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 &gt;= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&amp;H}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 &gt;= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&amp;H}</p>	<p><u>Dual Referral Rules</u></p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)1 &gt;= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) &gt;= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p>	<p align="right"><i>Evan Brasseaux</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Evan Brasseaux</b> Staff Director</p>
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