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Provides for the conduct of early voting on the Sunday during the early voting period from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<u>Present law</u> provides for early voting to occur 14 to 7 days prior to an election day, excluding holidays and Sundays, and requires registrars of voters to remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the early voting period. <u>Proposed law</u> adds Sundays to the early voting period and provides that early voting on Sundays will occur from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b> State Gen. Fd.	<u>2016-17</u> INCREASE	<u>2017-18</u> INCREASE	<u>2018-19</u> INCREASE	<u>2019-20</u> INCREASE	<u>2020-21</u> INCREASE	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase state general fund expenditures for the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State estimates an approximate increase of expenditures ranging from \$474,494 to \$615,659 annually depending upon the number and types of elections being held statewide. Included in the potential range by the Secretary of State is the anticipated need for a total of 4 additional T.O. positions for 2 election field technicians at an initial annual cost of \$138,240 (\$69,120 per position) and 2 IT technical support specialists with an initial annual cost of \$192,812 (\$96,406 per position). The Secretary of State assumes a 4% merit adjustment would be added in subsequent fiscal years. However, the **maximum** number of additional overtime Sundays that Secretary of State staff would work based upon their estimates is 5 in FY 21 with fewer days in other FYs. Therefore, the Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the Department can accomplish these tasks with existing or temporary personnel, which **will result** in additional overtime expenses, but should not require additional personnel.

Subtracting the Secretary of State's anticipated need for additional personnel and the associated costs, overtime expenses for registrars of voters range between \$130,500 and \$228,375 based upon the number of Sundays during the early voting periods and types of elections statewide during FYs 17-21. The Secretary of State derives these costs from an estimated expenditure of \$87,000 per day associated with early voting activities for statewide elections. Furthermore, the Secretary of State anticipates half of precincts in LA will be active for early voting during a non-statewide election at a cost of \$43,500. The Secretary of State anticipates expenditures associated with early voting on Sundays to total approximately 75% of these totals (\$65,250 for statewide elections, \$32,625 for non-statewide elections) as registrars of voters offices will open for only 6 hours. The number of early voting days and the types of elections they are associated with are outlined on Page 2. **(Expenditure Explanation continued on Pg. 2)** 

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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



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FY 17 - 2 Sundays for statewide elections (2 * \$65,250) and 2 Sundays for non-statewide elections (2 * \$32,625) totaling \$195,750.									

FY 18 - 4 Sundays for non-statewide elections (4 \* \$32,625) totaling \$130,500.

- <u>FY 19</u> 2 Sundays for statewide elections (2 \* \$65,250) and 2 Sundays for non-statewide elections (2 \* \$32,625) totaling \$195,750.
- <u>FY 20</u> 3 Sundays for statewide elections (3 \* \$65,250) and 1 Sunday for non-statewide elections (1 \* \$32,625) totaling \$228,375.
- <u>FY 21</u> 2 Sundays for statewide elections (2 \* \$65,250) and 2 Sundays for non-statewide elections (2 \* \$32,625) totaling \$195,750.



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