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Fiscal Note

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 Sub. Bill For.:

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 Provides for removal of deceased persons from voter registration rolls

Under present law, upon receipt of a certified copy of a death certificate, Registrars of Voters (ROVs) removes the decedent's name from the voter registration rolls. Proposed law requires ROVs to remove a decedent's name within 30 days. Under present law, the LA Dept. of Health (LDH) sends a monthly report to the Secretary of State (SOS) of persons in each parish who died in the preceding month; and the SOS cancels the registration when the information on the decedent corresponds exactly to criteria for cancellation established by the SOS. Under present law, requires the SOS to send information from the LDH to the ROVs on decedents whose registrations were not canceled. Proposed law requires that the SOS cancel decedents registration and send the information within 30 days. Proposed law requires ROVs to review LDH information to determine if it matches information that is sufficient to cancel or challenge registration of a voter within 30 days. Under present law, ROVs are authorized to cancel registrations based on obituaries. Proposed law requires the ROVs to search obituaries for deceased persons whose registrations were not canceled.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Once notice is received, the proposed law requires the Registrars of Voters (ROVs) and the Secretary of State (SOS) to remove a deceased person's name from the voter registration rolls if it corresponds exactly to the criteria for cancellation of voter registration within 30 days. Furthermore, under the proposed law, if using the information provided by the LA Department of Health (LDH), the Registrar of Voters shall review the information to determine if it matches information sufficient to cancel or challenge the registration of a deceased person within 30 days. If the SOS does not cancel a decedent's name from the voter registration rolls based on the LDH information, the ROVs are required to search the obituaries and cancel registrations based on obituaries under this measure.

The SOS reports that implementing the proposed law requires one-time funding of \$32,000 SGF (320 hours x \$100) due to IT programming changes for the Voter Registration system to match data from LDH. The SOS can accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted requiring programming efforts, the agency may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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