Present law stipulates that compensation for the members of a Parish Board of Election Supervisors is $50 for each day spent performing the duties associated with preparing for and supervising elections. Proposed law increases the compensation amount to $150 per day.

Present law stipulates that compensation for Election Commissioner-in-Charge who serves at more than one precinct is $300. Proposed law increases the compensation amount to $350.

Present law stipulates that compensation for Election Commissioners who assist Registrars of Voters with the conduct of early voting be paid $100 per day. Proposed law increases the compensation amount to $150 per day.

The Department of State estimates it will cost at least an additional $306,850 per statewide election to implement proposed law and are unable to determine the costs associated with non-statewide elections at this time. FY 23, FY 25, and FY 27 are scheduled to have two (2) statewide elections, equating to an increase of at least $613,700. FY 24 is scheduled to have three (3) statewide elections, therefore expenditures will increase by at least $920,550. In addition to the statewide elections, FY 23, FY 25, and FY 27 are scheduled to have two (2) non-statewide elections, FY 24 is scheduled to have one (1) non-statewide election, and FY 26 is scheduled to have four (4) non-statewide elections. The cost for the non-statewide elections will be dependent upon the pro-rata share of the cost based on which parish is holding the election and are thus indeterminable. Below is a breakdown of the increased costs based on each position per statewide election:

CICMs: There are approximately 393 CICMs selected per statewide election. Proposed law would increase the compensation amount by $50. This would increase expenditures by $19,650 (393 CICMs x $50 increase) per statewide election.

PBES: Each PBES is composed of five (5) members who are compensated for attending a maximum of six (6) meetings per election. Proposed law would increase the compensation amount by $100 per day which would equate to an increase of $3,000 per parish (5 members x 6 meeting x $100 per day increase) and $192,000 statewide ($3,000 per parish x 64 parishes).

Early Voting Commissioners: There are approximately 272 Early Voting Commissioners selected for each statewide election. Early voting is set to occur over a period of at least 7 days. Proposed law would increase the compensation amount by $50 per day which would equate to an increase of at least $95,200 (272 Early Voting Commissioners x 7 days x $50 per day increase) per statewide election.

Therefore, the total cost for statewide elections is at least $306,850 ($19,650 for CICM increase + $192,000 for PBES increase + $95,200 for Early Voting Commissioners increase). The costs for non-statewide elections are indeterminable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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