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VOTERS/VOTING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides for registration until and upon election day. (8/1/18)

Present law provides for voter registration to close 30 days prior to an election. Proposed law provides for voter registration to close on election day. Present law provides for persons to submit an application to register to vote at driver's license facilities and voter registration agencies. Provides for the transmittal of such applications to the registrar of voters if received within 5 days before the last day for registration. Proposed law retains present law, but provides for the transmittal of applications received within 5 days before the election. A Proposed law repeals present law which provides for procedures to verify the eligibility of an applicant who mails in his voter registration application. Present law provides for the printing and delivery of a precinct register to the precinct. Proposed law retains present law and provides additionally that each registrar shall, at the end of the business day on the day prior to the election, compile a final supplement list for each precinct that contains the name and collateral information for each voter who registered after the printing of the precinct register and any other supplemental lists affixed to the precinct register. Proposed law provides that a person who seeks to register to vote on the same day that he seeks to vote either on election day or during early voting shall be required to provides proof of identity and residence, and complete a registration form. (Effective 8/1/2018)

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	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 will be increased costs to the Secretary of State and local governmental entities. Locals and the Secretary of State engage in cost sharing depending on the election type pursuant to LA R.S. 18:1400. Estimates provided are based on the presidential election held in 2016 which represents the most costly election held statewide and the maximum amount of costs that may be incurred.

The Secretary of State anticipates one-time costs of \$1.28 M in FY 19. This includes reprogramming costs to modify the Election and Registration Information Network (ERIN) to provide real-time interface with NVRA agencies and the creation of various reports and the new registration certificate. The Secretary of State will utilize the existing contract with GCR at a rate of \$100 per hour. The Secretary of State estimates a total of 2,520 man hours will be needed to complete this project for a cost of \$252,000. To the extent multiple pieces of legislation are passed requiring the Secretary of State to contract out IT services beyond its current contract, additional resources may be required. The Secretary of State anticipates the work associated may take 16 months to complete. Additional one time costs include supplying additional laptops to each parish in order to scan and read the same-day registrant paper ballots (\$76,608); and the purchase of additional security bags (\$109 per bag) for live unvoted ballots and secure ballot boxes (\$135 per box) for voted same-day registrant ballots for each precinct (3,904 precincts) for a cost of \$952,576.

Additionally, the Secretary of State estimates an increase of expenditures ranging from \$2.7 M to \$4.6 M annually depending upon the number and types of elections being held in a given year. Included in the potential range is the anticipated need for the following: same day registration certificates for a cost of \$4,540 per statewide election; same-day registrant paper ballots for a cost of \$113,775 per statewide election, same-day registrant ballot envelopes with flaps for a cost of \$19,425 per statewide election; test desks to ensure paper ballot scanning for a cost of \$5,088 per statewide election; additional personnel to register voters during the early voting period plus the day prior to and on election day for a cost of \$136,800 per statewide election; utilize all authorized staffing to handle the additional workload at the 3,904 precincts across the state for a cost of \$893,398 for statewide elections, \$717,026 for presidential preference primary elections, and \$446,919 for municipal-only elections; the costs for deputy sheriffs to transport the voted registrant ballots to the clerk of court on election night for a cost of \$69,300 per statewide election; additional parish board of election supervisors commissioners to assist on election day and up to 3 days after the election to verify same-day registrant eligibility and to count same-day registrant paper ballots for a cost of \$96,000 per election; and additional precinct supplies for a cost of \$16,157 per election.

***Note:** FYs 19, 21, and 23 contemplate 2 statewide elections and 2 municipal-only elections. FY 20 contemplates 3 statewide elections and 1 municipal only election. FY 22 contemplates 4 municipal-only elections. **(Detailed Expenditure Explanation Cont'd on Page 2)**

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

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Registration day certificates cost \$0.143 per triplicate form. The Secretary of State anticipates the 29 small parishes needing 250 certificates each, the 21 medium parishes needing 500 certificates each, and the 14 large parishes needing 1,000 certificates each per statewide election: $(\$0.143 \times 29 \times 250) + (\$0.143 \times 21 \times 500) + (\$0.143 \times 14 \times 1000) = \$4,540$ per statewide election. Note: Parish sizes are based on population.

Same-day registrant paper ballots cost \$0.41 per page. The secretary of state anticipates polling locations needing 30 copies of each style, and anticipates there to be 9,250 different styles based on the number of styles in the 2016 presidential election: $(\$0.41 \times 30 \times 9250) = \$113,775$ per statewide election.

Same-day registrant ballot envelopes with flaps cost \$0.07 per envelope. The Secretary of State anticipates needing 30 envelopes per ballot style: $(\$0.07 \times 30 \times 9250) = \$19,425$ per statewide election.

Test decks to ensure paper ballot scanning. The Secretary of State anticipates having 636 test decks at a cost of \$8 per deck: $(636 \times \$8) = \$5,088$ per statewide election.

Additional personnel to register voters during the early voting period plus the day prior to and on election day cost \$100 per day. The Secretary of State anticipates the 12 larger Registrar of Voter offices needing 2-4 employees and the 52 smaller Registrar of Voters needing 1-2 employees: $(12 \text{ ROV offices} \times 4 \text{ personnel} \times \$100) + (52 \text{ ROV offices} \times 2 \text{ personnel} \times \$100) \times 9 \text{ days per election} = \$136,800$.

Utilizing the full amount of authorized election commissioners per LA R.S. 18:425 to handle added workload at precincts due to processing same-day voting registrants. Precinct staffing for the 2016 presidential election cost \$3,903,562, however fully authorized staffing would have cost \$4,794,400 which is a difference of \$893,838 which is the estimated additional cost to fully staff statewide elections. Precinct staffing for the last presidential preference primary was \$2,738,698, however fully authorized staffing would have cost \$3,461,050 which is a difference of \$722,352 which is the estimated additional cost to fully staff presidential preference primaries. Municipal elections will be calculated at half the cost increase for the 2016 presidential election (\$446,919).

Transporting live voted registrant ballots to the clerk of court on election night would need to be conducted by sheriff's deputies due to the volume and the nature of the "live" documents. The Secretary of State anticipates 3 hours per deputy at a rate of \$35 per hour, and the 14 larger parishes needing 20 deputies, the 26 medium parishes needing 10 deputies, and the 24 smaller parishes needing 5 deputies: $(20 \times 14 \times \$35 \times 3) + (10 \times 26 \times \$35 \times 3) + (5 \times 24 \times \$35 \times 3) = \$69,300$ per statewide election. Note: Parish sizes are based on geographical area.

Additional Parish Board of Election Supervisors (PBES) commissioners to assist on election day and up to 3 days after the election to verify same-day registrant eligibility and to count same-day registrant paper ballots for a cost of \$50 per day. The Secretary of State estimates 10 additional PBES commissioners per parish: $(10 \times 640 \times \$50 \times 3 \text{ days}) = \$96,000$ per election.

The additional precinct supplies include security seals which will be used on the transport bags and lock boxes, key envelopes, machine certificates and pencils for a total cost of \$16,157 per election.

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