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Fiscal Note On: **HB 265** HLS 18RS 824
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Voter Registration for Convicted Felons	

VOTING/REGISTRATION REF +\$66,698 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony

Present law prohibits persons under orders of imprisonment for conviction of a felony from registering to vote. Proposed law provides an exception to allow a person who is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony to register to vote if the person has not been incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five years. Present law provides that when the registration of a person is suspended based on a felony conviction, the registration shall be reinstated when the person appears in the office of the registrar and provides documentation from the appropriate correction official showing that such person is no longer under an order of imprisonment and provides that certain persons may provide the required documentation by mail. Proposed law provides that a person's registration shall be reinstated when the person provides documentation from the appropriate correction official showing that the person has not been incarcerated pursuant to an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony within the last five years. Proposed law provides that no person shall be permitted to register to vote pursuant to this section if he is convicted of a felony offense of election fraud or any other election offense pursuant to R.S. 18:1461.2 and he is under an order of imprisonment. Proposed law additionally requires the Secretary of State to work with the Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections to develop a form to allow the appropriate correction official to verify the conditions specified for reinstatement of voter registration are met with regard to the person who is or was under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony. Effective March 1, 2019.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$66,998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$66,998
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	\$66,998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$66,998

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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

There will be a one time expenditure increase for the Secretary of State associated with implementation of the proposed legislation. Corrections Services anticipates minimal costs to develop the required form which can be absorbed in the existing operating budget.

The Secretary of State anticipates one-time development costs of \$28,000 to update voter registration reports, as well as programming changes to the Voter Registration system and the Office of Motor Vehicles interface. This is to allow for individuals under an order of imprisonment for a conviction of a felony, who have not been incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five years to be eligible to register to vote or reinstate registration. The Secretary of State plans to utilize an existing contract with GCR Inc. at a rate of \$100 per hour. The Secretary of State estimates a total of 280 man-hours will be needed to complete this project. 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 with the proposed legislation may be completed by January 1, 2019.

Additionally, the Secretary of State anticipates one-time costs of \$38,998 in order to edit and reprint forms and promotional materials which include information regarding voting laws. This would consist of replacing in-stock materials such as the voter's bill of rights poster which is displayed at all precincts, and edit and reprint the election day and early voting supply of applications required at all precincts, Registrar of Voter offices, NVRA agencies and the Office of Motor Vehicles. The Secretary of State would also have to provide training to NVRA agencies to inform them of the changes.

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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