

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 82** HLS 19RS 465

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Secretary of State                                      |          | <b>Analyst:</b> Willis Brewer |
| <b>Subject:</b> Requires disclosure and publication of costs for elections |          |                               |

ELECTIONS/BOND & TAX

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Requires disclosure and publication of costs for bond, debt, and tax elections

Proposed law requires the notice of the election to contain the estimated cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state based upon the provisions of present law. Present law requires the governing authority to promulgate the result of the election by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or, if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish. Proposed law adds a requirement that for all bond, debt and tax elections called after September 23, 2019, the governing authority include in the publication a statement of the actual cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state in accordance with present law.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Ded./Other          | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |
| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>           |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures for the Secretary of State (SOS) due to the additional workload required to publish the initial cost and actual cost after the election results are known. SOS does not anticipate at this time it will require additional personnel. However, temporary overtime may be required in order to expedite the process to provide the initial cost estimate at the time of the notice and to determine the actual election cost and invoice these costs to the local government authorities.

SOS will be able to provide an initial estimate with the notice of the election based on historical costs, estimated precinct costs, and the election size. Furthermore, SOS routinely provides the election cost estimates to local government authorities upon request; however, the actual costs are not known until the election is complete and all the invoices are received. SOS estimates it took an average of 52 days in FY 18 to calculate and invoice the election costs to the local government authorities. Proposed law will likely postpone publishing election results to include the actual election costs.

**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}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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