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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 20** SLS 202ES 82

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Creates the Emergency Election Commission	

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Provides relative to voting and the holding of elections impaired as the result of a declared emergency or disaster. (1/1/21) (Item #5)

Proposed law creates the Emergency Election Commission within the Department of State and provides for membership composition (10 members consisting the Secretary of State, chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, chairman of the House Governmental Affairs Committee, Governor, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, chairman of the House republican delegation, chairman of the Senate republican delegation, chairman of the House democratic delegation, and chairman of the Senate democratic delegation). Proposed law provides that commission members are unpaid except for legislative members that are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Proposed law replaces emergency election plan concurrence, certification, and approval from the Senate Governmental Affairs committee and House Governmental Affairs committee with the Emergency Election Commission. After approval from the Emergency Election Commission, proposed law requires the emergency election plan to be delivered by commercial delivery, electronic submission or hand delivery and approved by legislature. Proposed law is effective 01/01/2021.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable, but minimal, decrease in SGF expenditures associated with per diem and travel reimbursements of legislative members and electronic transmission of ballots. Proposed law creates the Emergency Election Commission comprised of 10 members and provides that only legislative members may receive per diem and travel expense reimbursement. Under present law, both House and Governmental Affairs Committee (18 legislative members) and Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee (9 legislative members) must meet to approve an emergency election plan. Therefore, under proposed law, a meeting of the Emergency Election Commission would result in per diem payment to 19 fewer legislative members than occurs in present law. The legislative per diem is \$161 plus mileage reimbursement, which is currently \$0.575 per mile. Since the commission shall only meet upon a call of the Secretary of State during a gubernatorial state of emergency that impacts elections, the number of commission meetings is indeterminable.

Under present law, if the legislature is not in session, ballots are printed and mailed to members. Proposed law allows ballots to be delivered by alternative means including electronic transmission. If ballots are sent electronically, expenditure savings can be realized by eliminating printing and postage costs. The frequency or occurrence of emergency election plans and the number of ballots that may be impacted are speculative, so any savings that may arise is indeterminable.

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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