

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

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Subject: Increased Compensation for Election Workers

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ELECTION CODE EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Provides for compensation for certain election workers. (8/1/22)

<u>Present law</u> 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. <u>Proposed law</u> increases the compensation amount to \$150 per day.

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

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

EXPENDITURES	<b>2022-23</b> INCREASE	<b>2023-24</b> INCREASE	<b>2024-25</b> INCREASE	<b>2025-26</b> SEE BELOW	<b>2026-27</b> INCREASE	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.			INCREASE	SEE BELOW		
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	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	¢0	¢0	¢O	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Local Fullus	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u> 40</u>	40

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in a significant increase in SGF expenditures in FY 23, FY 24, FY 25, and FY 27 as a result of compensation increases for various election workers. Proposed law sets the compensation for certain election workers as follows: Parish Board of Election Supervisors (PBES) - \$150 per day (an increase of \$100 per day); Commissioner-in-Charge over multiple precincts (CICM) - \$350 (an increase of \$50); and Early Voting Commissioners - \$150 per day (an increase of \$50 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.

<u>Senate</u> 13.5.1 >=	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u> \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	House $6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}$	Evan	Brasseaux
13.5.2 >=	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Interim Deputy Fiscal Officer	