

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 12** HLS 241ES 8

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Party Primary Elections	

ELECTIONS OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1
Provides for party primary elections (Items #7 and #10)

Proposed law requires the legislature to provide a system by January 1, 2026, in which all recognized political parties shall make nominations of candidates for congressional office, statewide office, and state legislative office by direct primary elections.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	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						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law requires the legislature to provide for an election system in which political parties make nominations of candidates for congressional office, statewide elective office, and office of state representative or state senator.

The Secretary of State reports that there are several possible scenarios for creating a party primary system that would likely have a different impact on the cost of the election. Any increase in costs will be indeterminable until a specific system is proposed and analyzed.

For informational purposes, according to committee testimony by the Secretary of State, the cost of a statewide election is approximately \$8 M. If the new party primary system creates new elections, in addition to the currently scheduled elections, costs are anticipated to increase by at least \$8 M. If the new party primary election can be integrated into the existing election schedule then costs will decrease accordingly. The Secretary of State may also experience a significant increase in costs to make various adjustments including but not limited to IT changes to election software and voting machines, staff training, and voter outreach and notification.

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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