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Subject: Increases Qualifying Fees

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES OR INCREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Increases the qualifying fees for certain state candidates

Proposed law increases the qualifying fee for candidates for (1) governor from \$750 to \$5,000; (2) lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of insurance from \$600 to \$5,000; (3) U.S. senator and representative from \$600 to \$2,500; and (4) public service commission from \$450 to \$2,500.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGR revenues for the Department of State due to an increase in certain qualifying fees. There is no way to predict how many candidates will qualify for future elections, thus the total increase is unknown at this time. In addition, the increase will vary from year to year depending on when candidates qualify for each office. For illustrative purposes, the table below depicts the potential increase based on the number of candidates who qualified in the most recent election for each position.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Number of Candidates</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Current Total Collection</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Collection</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Governor	15	\$750	\$11,250	\$5,000	\$75,000	\$63,750
Lieutenant Governor	6	\$600	\$3,600	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$26,400
Secretary of State	8	\$600	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$40,000	\$35,200
Attorney General	5	\$600	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$22,000
Treasurer	3	\$600	\$1,800	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$13,200
Commissioner of Agriculture	1	\$600	\$600	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,400
Commissioner of Insurance	1	\$600	\$600	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,400
US Senator	13	\$600	\$7,800	\$2,500	\$32,500	\$24,700
US Representative	21	\$600	\$12,600	\$2,500	\$52,500	\$39,900
Public Service Commission	8	\$450	\$3,600	\$2,500	\$20,000	\$16,400
Total			\$49,650		\$300,000	\$250,350

An increase in revenue will only occur in years in which the above listed candidates are running for office. FY 28 is the only fiscal year where all candidates listed above run in the five-year window and the only year where revenues may increase to the level depicted in the table. For all other fiscal years, only US Congressional Candidates and/or districts in the Public Service Commission will be running for office.

The Department of State reports that currently most, if not all, candidates qualify by paying the fee. To the extent, proposed law leads to an increase in the number of candidates who choose to qualify via petition instead of paying the qualifying fee, the increase in revenues may not be realized or may be realized to a degree less than anticipated.

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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