



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 648** HLS 25RS 970

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State		
Subject: Campaign Sign Recycling Fund		Analyst: Kimberly Fruge

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Increases candidate qualifying fees and dedicates the monies to the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund

Proposed law creates the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund; requires all candidates, other than candidates for membership on a school board or the state central committee or parish executive committee of a political party, to pay an additional \$25 qualifying fee to be deposited into the fund; provides that the Secretary of State use the money to recycle political campaign signs.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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. Proposed law creates the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund to be used by the Secretary of State to recycle political campaign signs. The LFO assumes that any monies deposited into the fund will require a specific appropriation by the legislature.

Treasury requires certain resources to create and administer a statutory dedication, as in this measure. Should aggregate session action result in the creation of funds beyond that which can be absorbed within existing resources, additional funding may be required, which is assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase qualifying fees deposited into the statutorily dedicated Campaign Sign Recycling Fund. Proposed law requires all candidates, other than candidates for membership on a school board or the state central committee, or parish executive committee of a political party, to pay an additional \$25 qualifying fee to be deposited into the fund.

Based on the past five fiscal years, the average number of candidates who paid a qualifying fee is 1,809. With the additional \$25 fee, an average of \$45,225 is anticipated to be deposited into the fund annually. The table below presents the actual number of qualifying candidates over the past five fiscal years with the potential revenue increase had the \$25 qualifying fee been required. The actual amount will fluctuate year-to-year depending on which elections are being held in that year.

Year	# of Candidates	Additional \$25 Fee
FY 21	3,055	\$ 76,375
FY 22	564	\$ 14,100
FY 23	1,917	\$ 47,925
FY 24	2,370	\$ 59,250
FY 25	1,141	\$ 28,525
Average	1,809	\$ 45,225

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



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