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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 551** HLS 26RS 1043

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Date: March 16, 2026 3:09 PM | Author: BILLINGS |
| Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State | Analyst: Kimberly Fruge |
| Subject: Early Voting Commissioners Assisting at Nursing Homes | |

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS OR +\$38,800 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for early voting commissioners assisting with the nursing home early voting program

Proposed law authorizes a Registrar of Voters to utilize an early voting commissioner to conduct the nursing home early voting program, upon approval of the Secretary of State.

Current law provides that early voting commissioners are paid \$150 per day.

| EXPENDITURES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$38,400 | \$38,400 | \$28,800 | \$28,800 | \$38,400 | \$172,800 |
| 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 | \$38,400 | \$38,400 | \$28,800 | \$28,800 | \$38,400 | \$172,800 |
| REVENUES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 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 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an SGF expenditure increase of \$38,400 in FYs 27, 28, and 31, and \$28,800 in FYs 29 and 30 by the Secretary of State's (SOS) office for compensation for additional early voter commissioners to conduct the nursing home early voting program. The increase in expenditures is situational and will vary based on the number of early voting commissioners utilized and the number of days needed to conduct the nursing home early voting program.

Under current law, compensation for early voting commissioners is \$150 per day. The department estimates that, on average, each parish will utilize one commissioner for one day per election to conduct the nursing home early voting program. This would result in an increase in expenditures of \$9,600 (64 parishes x 1 day x \$150 compensation) per statewide election and \$4,800 (50% the cost of a statewide election) per non-statewide election. There are four statewide elections scheduled in FYs 27, 28, and 31, and two statewide and two non-statewide elections scheduled in FYs 29 and 30. **This would result in an increase of \$38,400 (\$9,600 x 4) in FY 27, FY 28, and FY 31 and \$28,800 (\$9,600 x 2 + \$4,800 x 2) in FY 29 and FY 30.** To the extent that some parishes do not need additional support for the nursing home early voting program or some parishes need more support, expenditures may increase or decrease accordingly.

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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