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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 556** HLS 26RS 849

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Campaign finance disclosure	

ETHICS/BOARD OR +\$201,923 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides for the assessment of fees by the Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure

Proposed legislation prohibits the Board of Ethics, when acting as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, from granting conditional waivers of late filing fees or civil penalties, and instead requires that any waiver granted be permanent. Requires the supervisory committee to notify persons required to file campaign finance disclosure reports of any failure to timely file, omission, or inaccuracy, and to provide a notice of delinquency by certified mail. Establishes a seven business day period following receipt of the notice of delinquency during which the filer may submit the required report, correct inaccuracies, provide omitted information, or contest the allegation before penalties accrue. Provides that penalties may only begin accruing after the deadline contained in the notice of delinquency and clarifies notice requirements and procedures governing the assessment and waiver of penalties and fees.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$201,923</b>	<b>\$206,690</b>	<b>\$212,629</b>	<b>\$218,747</b>	<b>\$225,049</b>	<b>\$1,065,038</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$201,923</b>	<b>\$206,690</b>	<b>\$212,629</b>	<b>\$218,747</b>	<b>\$225,049</b>	<b>\$1,065,038</b>
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation is anticipated to result in an increase in SGF expenditures by \$201,923 beginning in FY 27 for the Louisiana Board of Ethics, Ethics Administration, to implement a notice of delinquency requirement under the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Ethics Administration anticipates the need to hire two additional authorized T.O. Program Compliance Officer positions to track filings, issue certified notices of delinquency, process corrections, and provide administrative support. Personal services and related benefits for the two positions are estimated at \$192,223 beginning in FY 27. Annual operating costs are estimated at \$8,700, including \$1,200 for supplies, licenses, subscriptions, and OTS support and \$7,500 for the anticipated increase in expenditures to send the required notices by certified mail or sheriff service. One-time costs of \$1,000 are anticipated for workstations and technology equipment. Expenditures reflected in subsequent fiscal years included removal of non-recurring equipment costs and a 3% increase in salaries and related benefits.

*The LFO acknowledges that implementation of the proposed legislation will result in additional workload, though it cannot be confirmed whether existing positions within the Ethics Administration can, in whole or in part, absorb this increase. To the extent that the increase in workload differs from what is anticipated by the Ethics Administration and existing staff are able to manage the increase, estimated expenditures may be lower than those provided in this fiscal note.*

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation is anticipated to result in an indeterminable impact to SGF revenues due to the prohibition on conditional waivers of late filing fees under the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Under the bill, any waiver granted by the Board of Ethics is permanent, which could reduce collections in cases where the Board exercises its discretion to grant a waiver. Conversely, fees that would have been conditionally waived under current law would now be fully assessed, potentially increasing collections. The amount of fines ultimately collected cannot be predicted. For illustrative purposes, the Board suspended approximately \$90,000 in late filing fees in the prior year. All fines and fees collected revert to the State Treasury and accrue to the SGF.

Senate  
 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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