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VOTING/REGISTRATION OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for the reinstatement of the voter registration of a person who is no longer under an order of imprisonment

Current law provides that no person shall be permitted to register to vote if that person is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony and has been incarcerated within the last five years or is convicted of an election offense and is under an order of imprisonment; provides that a person's registration can be reinstated when the person appears in the office of the Registrar and provides documentation from the appropriate correctional official showing that they are no longer subject to suspension; provides that for those persons eligible to participate in the Special Program for Handicapped Voters of the person has submitted proof of disability, they may provide the required documentation by mail, facsimile, commercial carrier, or hand delivery. Proposed law requires the Secretary of State to develop a voter reinstatement application for a person whose registration is suspended for a felony conviction and (1) the person is no longer identified on the custody or supervision report provided by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or (2) the Registrar receives notice from the Clerk of Courts that a judgment of conviction was overturned or vacated. Proposed law removes the eligibility requirements to submit documentation for reinstatement by mail, facsimile, commercial carrier, or hand delivery (instead of by required to appear in person); adds that documentation can be submitted by electronic submission in a method approved by the Secretary of State.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in a one-time, likely significant, increase in SGF expenditures for the Secretary of State to develop a voter reinstatement application and an online portal for electronic submission of documentation for reinstatement of voter registration, and may result in an increase in expenditures in the out-years for software maintenance related to the portal. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable at this time.

Under current law, persons whose registration has been suspended must appear in person with the appropriate documentation to have their registration reinstated; however, if they are eligible to participate in the Special Program for Handicapped Voters or has submitted current proof of disability to the Registrar of Voters, they are allowed to submit documentation by mail, facsimile, commercial carrier, or hand delivery. Proposed law removes these requirements and allows all persons to submit documentation by mail, facsimile, commercial carrier, hand delivery, or by electronic submission. Electronic submission will likely require the Secretary of State to develop a secure portal to submit documentation. The current online voter registration system does not have the capabilities to submit documentation from the appropriate correction official. To the extent that the Secretary of State can integrate the new application into the existing system, costs may decrease but will likely still be significant for the initial upgrade and testing.

Note: Due to ongoing litigation related to this topic, the Secretary of State, based upon the advice of counsel, was unable to provide information for this fiscal note. The costs illustrated in this fiscal note are an estimate by the LFO based on similar past legislation.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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