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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> State	
<b>Subject:</b> Suspends law relative to annual canvass of voters	<b>Analyst:</b> Evelyn McWilliams

Suspends provisions of law which provides for the annual canvass of registered voters. Suspension is effective until 60 days after final adjournment of the 2006 Regular Session. The 2006 legislative session ends June 19th. This HCR would move all parish annual canvasses currently scheduled for January 2006 and May 2006. For FY 2005-2006, all parishes, with the exception of Orleans Parish would be required to conduct their annual canvasses in January 2006. Orleans Parish is required to conduct its annual canvass in May 2006, since its parish municipal elections are scheduled for February 4, 2006 and March 4, 2006.

EXPENDITURES	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$93,803)	\$268,421	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$174,618
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	(\$26,357)	\$57,749	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,392
Annual Total	(\$120,160)	\$326,170	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$206,010

REVENUES	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	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

For purposes of this fiscal note, the number of voters included in the FY 05-06 canvass savings is based on the number of voters included in the FY 04-05 canvass. During the FY 04-05 canvass 274,562 voters were included in the first canvass mail-out and 139,141 voters were included in the second canvass mail-out.

Expenditure savings resulting from the FY 05-06 canvass suspension assumes that a \$120,160 savings would occur (\$65,895 from first mail-out and \$54,265 from the second mail-out). The \$65,895 savings from the first canvas mail-out assumes that 274,562 cards would be mailed at a cost of \$.24 (bulk rate) each. For the first mail-out, the savings from the state’s expenses is \$39,538 (60%) and the savings from the local’s expenses is \$26,357 (40%). The expenditures for the second mail-out is paid entirely by the state. The savings from the second mail-out totals \$54,265 (139,141 cards X \$.39 each. Since the HCR does not suspend the annual voter canvass in FY 06-07, the agency assumes that the regularly scheduled canvass will occur in FY 06-07. In addition to the \$120,160 expenses required to canvass the 274,462 voters and the 139,141 voters mentioned above, the agency anticipates that an additional \$206,010 is required to canvass an additional 327,000 voters in FY 06-07. The cost as it relates to the 327,000 voters is \$74,480 (327,000 X \$.24) for the first mail-out (\$47,088 state’s share and \$31,392 local’s share) and \$127,530 (327,000 X \$.39) for the second mail-out, which is paid entirely by the state.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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