

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 175** HLS 13RS 173
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Registration & Voting for Convicted Felons	

VOTING/REGISTRATION OR GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony

The proposed legislation changes the suspension of registration and voting rights for persons convicted of a felony from the time the person is under an order of imprisonment, to include only the time when the person is confined in a correctional facility. Under an order of imprisonment includes the time period during which a person is under confinement, under a suspended sentence, on probation, or on parole.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Secretary of State indicates that implementing this legislation would require one-time funding of approximately \$5,000 (50 hours of computer programming x \$100/hr.) due to programming changes. Allowing persons convicted of a felony who are not confined in a correctional facility to vote would require changes be made to the Secretary of State's web applications to be able to accept online voter registration applications and to be able to accept federal post card application voter registration and absentee ballot requests from such persons. The agency's computer program responsible for generating letters informing convicted felons that his/her voter registration has been suspended or canceled would also require modification.

The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional IT work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the agency can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted requiring programming efforts, the agency may require additional resources.

In addition, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections would also be required to revise its computer report notifying the Secretary of State of felony convictions. No additional funds are required for the revision.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {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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