

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 115** HLS 15RS 458
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Congressional Primaries/Election Hours	

ELECTIONS OR DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Changes the time for the opening of the polls and the office of the registrar from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. on election day for regularly scheduled congressional primary elections
Proposed law would change the opening of polls and Registrars of Voters' offices for congressional primary elections to 7 a.m. from the previous time of 6 a.m. as provided in present law.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	DECREASE	\$0	DECREASE	\$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>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0		\$0		\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed law may result in an indeterminable reduction in state general fund expenditures associated with congressional primary elections. The proposed law changes the opening time for congressional primary elections from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., which is the opening time for all other primary and general elections, as well as the hours of operation on congressional primary election days for Registrars of Voters offices. The proposed law only impacts years in which congressional primary elections are held.

Moving the opening times of the polls from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. would also represent a shortening of the election day by one hour, with polls still closing at 8 p.m. Shortening the election day by one hour would impact the work day of commissioners, commissioners-in-charge, Secretary of State, Registrars of Voters, and Clerks of Court staffs.

The Clerks of Court staff pay will be affected by the reduction in an hour, resulting in an overall reduction in SGF expenditures. The Clerks of Court bill the Secretary of State for employee overtime hours on election day. During the 11/06/14 election, 1,041 Clerks of Court staff members averaged an hourly overtime rate of \$29.09 per hour, totaling approximately \$30,284.

The next congressional primary election is scheduled for November 8, 2016, the same date as the next presidential election.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| Senate | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & 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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