

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 452** HLS 15RS 430
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State	
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to registrars of voters and certain employees of the registrar

Proposed law provides for the manner of appointment of Registrars of Voters by parish governing authorities and that employees of the Registrars of Voters cannot receive pay raises under certain circumstances.

Proposed law is a companion bill to HB 237, which provides for a proposed constitutional amendment on term lengths for Registrars of Voters and practices for appointing Registrars of Voters by parish governing authorities.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may reduce state general fund expenditures. This bill would provide that Registrars of Voters and their employees will only receive an increase in salary that can be funded without requiring layoffs. Pursuant to LA R.S. 18:55, the Secretary of State must compensate all Registrars of Voters. Currently Registrars of Voters automatically receive salary increases twice annually from the Secretary of State, by a schedule of steps based upon population figures as set in present law, and for merit increases in January. Registrars of Voters receive separate pay raises from local governments as well. In FY 15, the average salary increase fund by the Secretary of State was approximately \$4,300, an expense of approximately \$273,000 statewide. The state-paid average salary for all Registrars of Voters statewide is approximately \$88,400 annually.

The proposed legislation will not have an impact on state expenditures related to the State Board of Election Supervisors who are not currently compensated for their services.

The proposed legislation may also increase expenditures for local governmental authorities by an indeterminable amount. Parish governing authorities will be required to appoint Registrars of Voters in the manner provided in the proposed legislation, including advertising the vacancy and reviewing all applicants for the position. After reviewing applicants for vacant Registrars of Voters positions, parish governing authorities must forward the applications to the State Board of Election Supervisors for review. The board will then return their recommended applicant for the Registrars of Voters vacancy to the parish governing authority. Expenditures may increase for local governmental authorities to the extent they cannot execute the requirements of the proposed legislation with existing resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} | <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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