

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STATE DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to the sale of maps and the conduct of certain elections by secretary of state and to dedicate the revenues received for such services

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:21, relative to the powers, functions, and duties of the secretary of state;
3 to provide relative to the production of certain maps and fees therefor; to provide
4 relative to utilization of voting machine technology and other resources to conduct
5 certain elections and fees relative thereto; to dedicate revenues from such fees to the
6 Voting Technology Fund; to establish and provide for the Voting Technology Fund;
7 to provide for the deposit, investment, and use of monies in the fund; and to provide
8 for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 18:21 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §21. Maps; use of voting machines, technology, and other resources; fees; Voting
12 Technology Fund

13 A. The secretary of state may produce and sell maps of precincts and
14 election jurisdictions. The secretary of state may charge uniform, reasonable fees
15 for the maps. The fees shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with the
16 Administrative Procedure Act.

17 B. The secretary of state may utilize the voting machines, voting technology,
18 and other resources of his office to conduct an election not governed by the
19 provisions of this Code or law. The secretary of state may charge uniform,
20 reasonable fees for this service. The fees shall be established by rule adopted in
21 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

1 C.(1) There is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury, the
2 Voting Technology Fund, hereafter in this Subsection referred to as the "fund". The
3 source of monies for the fund shall be the monies derived from fees imposed
4 pursuant to this Section, and any other monies appropriated to the fund.

5 (2) All fees imposed and collected pursuant to this Section shall be remitted
6 to the state treasurer for immediate deposit into the state treasury. After compliance
7 with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana
8 relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being
9 placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to the fees collected as required by
10 this Section shall be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the
11 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. All interest
12 earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to this fund
13 following compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the
14 Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. All
15 unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall
16 remain in the fund.

17 (3) All monies in the fund shall be used solely and exclusively for the
18 acquisition and maintenance of voting machine technology, including hardware and
19 software; voting equipment and supplies; voter outreach; voter improvement; early
20 voting; and information technology products to produce, run, and support the
21 election and voting system.

22 Section 2. This Act shall become effective January 11, 2016.

DIGEST

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HB 151 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the secretary of state to produce maps and to conduct certain elections not governed by the Election Code or other law and to charge fees for such services and dedicates the fees to the Voting Technology Fund.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of state to produce and sell maps of precincts and election jurisdictions and to charge uniform, reasonable fees for the maps. Proposed law authorizes the secretary of state to utilize the voting machines, voting technology, and other resources of his office to conduct an election not governed by the provisions of present law and to charge uniform, reasonable fees for this service. Proposed law specifies that the fees shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with present law (Administrative Procedure Act).

Proposed law creates the Voting Technology Fund, a special fund in the state treasury. Provides that the source of monies for the fund shall be the monies derived from fees imposed pursuant to proposed law, and any other monies appropriated to the fund. Specifies that the fees imposed and collected pursuant to proposed law shall be remitted to the state treasurer for immediate deposit into the state treasury and after compliance with present constitution requirements relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to the fees collected shall be credited to the fund. Provides that monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and that all interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to this fund following compliance with present constitution requirements relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Specifies that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Provides that all monies in the fund shall be used solely and exclusively for the acquisition and maintenance of voting machine technology, including hardware and software; voting equipment and supplies; voter outreach; voter improvement; early voting; and information technology products to produce, run, and support the election and voting system.

Effective January 11, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 18:21)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add voter outreach, voter improvement, and early voting to the list of items for which the monies in the fund shall be used.