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Proposed Amd.: **w/ PROP HSE COMM AMD**

Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides relative to early voting

<u>Proposed law</u> requires Registrars of Voters offices to add one day to the week <u>before</u> the early voting period for each holiday that would occur during the early voting period.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u> allowing Registrars of Voters to set polling hours at alternate and additional early voting locations. <u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u> allowing Registrars of Voters to set hours for additional early voting locations, excluding gubernatorial and governmental elections, provided the hours are approved by the Secretary of State and made available to the public with adequate notice.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
REVENUES	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**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

The proposed legislation will increase state general fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount.

This bill requires Registrars of Voters offices, alternate, and additional early voting locations statewide to open for early voting one day in the week before the early voting period for each holiday that takes place 14 to 7 days before an election. This would represent an expansion of overtime hours for Registrars of Voters offices, as they currently must open Monday through Saturday, <u>excluding</u> all holidays, from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM under present law. Currently overtime for Registrars of Voters offices related to early voting runs from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM on weekdays, and from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturdays.

The Secretary of State estimates an approximate increase of expenditures ranging from $238,000 to $266,000 annually depending upon the number and types of elections being held statewide. Included in the potential range by the Secretary of State is the anticipated need for a total of 3 additional T.O. positions for election program specialists, each carrying salary and benefits totaling $66,647 annually ($199,940 annual total) with a 4% merit adjustment to be added in subsequent fiscal years. However, the **maximum** number of additional overtime days that Secretary of State staff would work based upon their estimates is 2 days in FYs 16 and 17 with fewer days in subsequent FYs. Therefore, the Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the Department can accomplish these tasks with existing or temporary personnel, which **will result** in additional overtime expenses, but should not require additional personnel.

Subtracting the Secretary of State's anticipated need for additional personnel and the associated costs, their anticipated expenses range between $13,050 and $58,342. FYs 16 and 17 have anticipated overtime expenses of $46,875, with lower costs in subsequent fiscal years. Each year except for FY 19 carries an expedited printing and shipping costs for precinct registers of $11,467.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	
☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		☐ 6.8(F)(2) >= $500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}	
		☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	

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