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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 821** HLS 16RS 1172

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Expiration of Absentee Ballot Application	

ELECTIONS/ABSENTEE VOTE OR INCREASE GF EX See Note  
Provides relative to absentee by mail voting by certain persons

Proposed law amends provisions relative to applications to vote absentee by mail. Present law states that applications to vote absentee by mail shall remain valid indefinitely unless an absentee by mail ballot sent to the applicant is returned to the registrar of voters as undeliverable. Proposed law further provides that the application to vote absentee by mail shall be rendered null and void if the applicant does not vote for a two-year period.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law would result in an indeterminable net expenditure increase for the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State would realize reduced expenditures associated with no longer having to mail absentee ballots to persons who have not voted for a two-year period. However, the department estimates an expenditure increase of approximately \$88,000 in IT costs to update its voter registration system to track voters with an active absentee by mail application that have not voted in the last two years. The Secretary of State will contract these expenses to GCR Inc. at a rate of \$100 per hour and an estimated a total of 880 man-hours needed to complete this project. To the extent this project requires fewer man-hours, the project's estimated total expenditures may be less than \$88,000. In the event the Secretary of State is not able to absorb the costs associated with the proposed legislation into the amount of hours built into its FY 17 base budget for the contract with GCR Inc., the department may require additional resources to completely this project.

In addition, the department anticipates a \$5,500 expense necessary to update the "Voting in Louisiana" pamphlet to reflect changes outlined in the proposed legislation.

**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(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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