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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action:
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Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Parish Governing Authorities
Subject: Appointment of Registrar of Voters
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Purpose of the Bill: The bill requires that the parish governing authority advertise and solicit applications for vacancies in the Office of Registrar of Voters. The parish governing authority would be required to publish two separate notices that it is accepting applications for the position of Registrar of voters in the governing authority's official journal and in another newspaper with a larger circulation within the parish, if there is such a newspaper. Also, the governing authority must offer to interview each qualifying applicant and the bill requires the parish governing authority to provide the Governor's Office with information to show compliance with requirements of this bill before the Governor can commission the Registrar.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be minimal increases in parish governing authority expenditures, only when a vacancy arises in the position of "Registrar of Voters" in a parish.

At this time the actual cost to publish the required notices can not be determined. However, information obtained from two different newspapers provide an estimate of what the costs could be.

Information obtained from a major newspaper that serves the Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and New Orleans areas indicated it would cost approximately \$1,500 to publish notices in two separate Sunday editions.

Information obtained from a newspaper that serves the Northeast portion of the state indicated it would cost approximately \$360 to publish notices in two separate Sunday editions.

An official with the Police Jury Association indicated there may be minimal cost to the parish governing authorities to comply with the requirements of this bill.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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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