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Provides relative to early voting days interrupted by a holiday

Proposed law amends present law relative to the early voting period taking place 14 to 7 days before an election. Present law provides that early voting activities be suspended to observe holidays provided by law or those proclaimed by the governor during any early voting period. Proposed law requires Registrars of Voters offices to add one day to the week before the early voting period for one or more holidays that would be observed on a weekday during the early voting period. Proposed law provides that the additional early voting day be added to the week before the early voting period and take place on the first day that is not a Sunday or a holiday.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	INCREASE	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0		\$0			\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase state general fund expenditures for the Secretary of State up to a maximum of approximately \$13,737 annually depending on the type and number of elections occurring in a given year. This bill requires Registrars of Voters offices to open for early voting one day in the week before the early voting period in the event one or more holidays that take 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, excluding 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 \$0 to \$174,000 annually depending upon the number and types of elections being held statewide. The Secretary of State derives these costs from an estimated expenditure of \$87,000 per day associated with early voting activities for statewide elections. Furthermore, the Secretary of State anticipates half of precincts in LA will be active for early voting during a non-statewide election at a cost of \$43,500. This bill would add the extra day of early voting to a weekday before the early voting period. Registrars' offices must remain open from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM during the early voting period, a total of 9.5 hours.

By dividing the Secretary of State's estimated costs (\$87,000) to open registrars of voters offices for a statewide election by the number of hours during a full overtime day (9.5 hours), registrars of voters offices create a per-hour overtime expense of \$9,158. By dividing the Secretary of State's estimated costs (\$43,500) to open registrars of voters offices for a non-statewide election by the number of hours during a full overtime day (9.5 hours), registrars of voters offices create a per-hour overtime expense of \$4,579.

Assuming registrars of voters typically open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, they will incur overtime expenses from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, an increase of 1.5 overtime hours. The annual expenditure increase each year based upon the number of holidays, types of elections statewide, and increase in weekday overtime hours are outlined on Page 2. **(See Continued Expenditure Explanation on Pg. 2)**

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental 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}

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FY 17 - No holidays during early voting periods.

FY 18 - 1 day (Veterans Day) during statewide election early voting period totaling \$13,737 (\$87,000 / 9.5 hours * 1.5 weekday overtime hours).

FY 19 - No holidays during early voting periods.

FY 20 - 1 day (Mardi Gras Day) during non-statewide election early voting period totaling \$6,869 (\$43,500 / 9.5 hours * 1.5 weekday overtime hours)

FY 21 - 1 day (Thanksgiving Day, Acadian Day) during statewide election early voting period totaling \$13,737 (\$87,000 / 9.5 hours * 1.5 weekday overtime hours).

The Secretary of State also reports the use of early voting commissioners in some parishes. To the extent parishes utilize early voting commissioners on the additional day of early voting pursuant to the proposed legislation, they would earn \$100 each for their services. However, the cost increase associated with early voting commissioners is indeterminable because the number of early voting commissioners used is unknown.

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