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VOTERS/VOTING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to voter rolls. (8/1/21)

Proposed law requires each Registrar of Voters in a parish with a publicly owned utility to canvass registrants living in a precinct in the utility service area using customer information provided by the public utility. Proposed law effective 8/01/2021.

| EXPENDITURES | <u>2021-22</u> | <u>2022-23</u> | <u>2023-24</u> | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> | <u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 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 | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | <u>2021-22</u> | <u>2022-23</u> | <u>2023-24</u> | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> | <u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u> |
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| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will have a minimal, but indeterminable, expenditure impact on Registrars of Voters and the Secretary of State (SOS) as a result of increased printing and mailing as well as a one-time minimal expenditure impact to the SOS in FY 22 to make IT changes. The proposed law requires the Registrars of Voters to conduct an additional annual canvass of voters using the information provided by publicly owned utility companies. To implement the proposed law, the SOS anticipates one-time expenditures of \$16,000 for IT program development changes within the Election Registration and Information Network (ERIN) system to incorporate customer information data from publicly owned utility companies (160 programming hours x \$100 per hour). IT programming development changes may take up to two months to complete.

The SOS reports that canvassing is mostly performed electronically through the National Change of Address (NCOA) database and the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). NCOA database is a set of data that includes the permanent change-of-address records maintained by the U.S. Postal Service. Every time U.S. citizens move and submit a change-of-address form to their local post office, their new addresses are recorded in the NCOA database. ERIC is a non-profit organization of 30 states that share voter registration data to improve the accuracy of voter rolls. Each member state receives reports that show voters who have moved within their state, voters who have moved out of state, voters who have died, and duplicate registrations in the same state. The SOS uses the NCOA and ERIC to print and mail address confirmation cards sent as part of the annual canvass. If addresses are changed as a result of the annual canvass, the parish covers the postage cost for mailing voter ID cards.

To the extent publicly owned utility companies can provide customer information data in a format compatible with the ERIN system, the SOS and Registrars of Voters will be able to perform the canvass electronically and incur expenditures related to printing and mailing. The cost of printing and mailing address confirmation cards and voter ID cards is indeterminable but assumed to be minimal.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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