



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 286** HLS 21RS 864
 Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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| Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State | |
| Subject: Extends Early Voting by Four Days | Analyst: Patrice Thomas |

VOTERS/VOTING EN +\$408,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Extends the period for early voting prior to election day

Present law provides for early voting for a period from 14 to 7 days before an election day, except on holidays and Sundays.
Proposed law provides for early voting from 18 to 7 days before a presidential election.

| EXPENDITURES | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$408,000 | \$0 | \$408,000 |
| 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> | INCREASE | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 | \$0 |

| REVENUES | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGF expenditures by \$408,000 in FY 25 within the Secretary of State and an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures within Registrars of Voter office as the result of adding four (4) days to the early voting period for Presidential elections. Under present law, early voting is 14 to 7 days before an election. The proposed law extends the early voting from 18 days to 7 days before a presidential election. During the early voting period, every Registrar of Voters must remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. By extending the early voting period an 4 additional days before a presidential election, the proposed law would increase overtime and travel expenses for Election Operations Division staff within the Secretary of State (SOS) as well as overtime expenses for Registrars of Voters and election commissioners hired to assist with early voting.

Based on actual costs from the statewide November 2020 election, the cost per day of early voting would be \$102,000, which includes the average overtime cost per day for Registrar of Voters (\$37,067), election commissioners (\$47,690), and staff within the SOS's Election Operations Division (\$7,345 for overtime and \$9,897 for travel). The cost of 4 days of early voting would be \$408,000 (\$102,000 x 4 days) for presidential elections. Presidential elections are held every 4 years with the next election scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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