

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 720** HLS 22RS 1063

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> March 22, 2022 10:02 AM                            | <b>Author:</b> GAINES          |
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| <b>Subject:</b> Election Procedures during a State of Emergency |                                |

ELECTIONS

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Provides for election procedures during a state of emergency.

Present law provides for rules and procedures for elections during a state of emergency. Present law requires that if there is not at least one office in a parish open on the last day of registration due to a declared emergency, then the registrar may not close registration and must remain open until the first business day in which one office is able to open. Proposed law modifies presents law requiring that the registrar keep registration open until fifteen (15) days prior to the election. Present law also requires that in the case of a polling place change the Clerk of Court, along with the Secretary of State (SOS), give adequate notice of the change in location to each voter registered to vote at that location. Proposed law requires the SOS to also post a list of all changed polling locations on the SOS website. Proposed law also outlines procedures following a declaration of emergency by the Governor including taking the necessary action to ensure the successful execution of the election. Propose law requires that if a state of emergency is declared within fifteen (15) days prior to the election, all absentee ballots received within three days following election day be counted.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | SEE BELOW      | \$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>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in a one-time, minimal increase in expenditures for the Department of State to make adjustments to the Secretary of State's website. Proposed law requires that in addition to providing notices as described in present law, the Secretary of State must also post a list of all changed polling locations on the website. The department estimates it will cost \$8,000 (\$100/hour x 80 hours) to complete the necessary changes to the website, which can be absorbed into their operating budget.

**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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