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Fiscal Note On: **HB 559** HLS 22RS 753

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Process for Curing Absentee Ballots	

ELECTIONS/BALLOTS OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to absentee by mail ballots

Proposed law provides for the process for curing absentee by mail ballot deficiencies. Propose law requires the Registrars of Voters, upon receipt of the ballot, to review the envelop flap for any deficiencies, such as a missing voter signature, a missing witness signature, or incomplete affidavit information. For ballots with deficiencies, the Registrar of Voters shall record the ballot as deficient in the voter’s absentee record and inform the voter, by mail and telephone or email if available, of the deficiency and give them the opportunity to cure the ballot. Proposed law also requires the department to provide space on their website for voters to check the status of their absentee by mail ballots. Voters will be required to appear in person at their Registrar of Voters Office to cure the ballot envelope deficiency. Once cured, the ballot is to be submitted to the Parish Board of Election Supervisors to determine its validity.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$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>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides for the process for curing an absentee by mail ballot. In addition, proposed law requires the Department of State to provide a space on their website that will allow voters to check the status of their absentee by mail ballots. The department has indicated that such a space is already available through the voter portal and therefore they will incur no cost to implement this measure.

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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