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Subject: Increasing Early Voting Locations	

VOTERS/VOTING OR +\$17,828,630 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Requires each parish to have at least two early voting locations and requires early voting locations for certain municipalities. (gov siq)
Present law provides for eligibility to vote by absentee mail ballot. Proposed law adds to the eligibility requirements that any voter living over 25 miles from the closest early voting location be allowed to vote by absentee mail ballot.
Present law requires the Registrar of Voters to meet criteria regarding early voting, including certain hours of operation to vote early at the registrar's office or provide an alternative location for early voting. Proposed law requires, in addition to the registrar's office, that each parish have at least one other early voting location.
Propose law also requires any municipality with a population of at least 10,000 voters provide an additional early voting site for each multiple of 10,000 voters.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$17,828,630	\$12,548,520	\$12,548,520	\$12,548,520	\$13,717,770	\$69,191,960
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$17,828,630	\$12,548,520	\$12,548,520	\$12,548,520	\$13,717,770	\$69,191,960

REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in a significant increase in expenditures within the Department of State. Proposed law allows voters living more than 25 miles from the closest early voting location in their parish to vote absentee by mail. The department estimates it will cost \$16,000 (\$100/hour x 160 hours) in FY 23 to complete the necessary changes to the absentee ballot online application to reflect the new absentee ballot reason.

Proposed law also increases the number of early voting locations to two per parish and requires an additional early voting site be provided for every 10,000 registered voters in a municipality. The Department of State indicates there will be an increase of 166 new early voting locations if proposed legislation is enacted. Based on the current voting system, the start-up costs for large sites are approximately \$37,325 and the start-up costs for small sites are approximately \$22,765. There will be 102 new large sites and 64 new small sites, therefore the total start-up costs is approximately \$5,264,110 (\$37,325 x 102 + \$22,765 x 64). The Department of State reports it will cost approximately \$12,548,520 for operation costs and personnel services (See details on page 2). The table below outlines these costs assuming four elections per year in all parishes. In addition, the department estimates it will cost \$1,169,250 every five years to update and replace the technology equipment (See details on page 2).

Type of Site	# New Sites	Operating Costs	Early Voting Commissioners	Registrar of Voters	Total
Large	102	\$ 13,140	\$ 16,800	\$ 49,000	\$ 8,051,880
Small	64	\$ 12,860	\$ 8,400	\$ 49,000	\$ 4,496,640
				Total	\$12,548,520

The total costs for proposed law is as follows: FY 23 - \$17,828,630 (\$16,000 online application change + \$5,264,110 start up costs + \$12,548,520 operation costs); FY 24 - FY 26 - \$12,548,520 operation costs; FY 27 - \$13,717,770 (\$12,548,520 operation costs + \$1,169,250 technology equipment replacement).

SEE EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	
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Operating Costs and Personnel Services

The Department of State reports it will cost approximately \$13,140 to operate large sites and \$12,860 to operate small sites. Operating costs include, but are not limited to, data circuit lines for the ERIN system, cellular data, router maintenance, labels, printer toner, print media advertising for each election, rent for early voting sites, janitorial services, and security.

Each new site will require Early Voting Commissioners at a rate of \$100 per day. Large early voting sites will require six (6) Early Voting Commissioners while small early voting sites will require three (3) Early Voting Commissioners. For seven (7) days of work, this equates to \$4,200 (\$100 x 6 Early Voting Commissioners x 7 Days) per election for large early voting sites and \$2,100 (\$100 x 3 Early Voting Commissioners x 7 days) per election for small early voting sites. Assuming four elections per parish a year, this would equate to \$16,800 (\$4,200 x 4) per large site site and \$8,400 (\$2,100 x 4) per small site.

In addition, each new site will require a Registrar of Voters staff member. The department estimates the salary and related benefits of this staff member will be approximately \$49,000.

5-Year Equipment Replacement Costs

Equipment	Large Sites	Small Sites
Laptops	\$7,000 = 7 x \$1,000 per laptop	\$3,000 = 3 x \$1,000 per laptop
Laser Printer	\$ 400 = 2 x \$200 per printer	\$ 200
Network Switch	\$ 850	\$ 500
Network Router	\$ 275	\$ 275
Reader/Writers	\$ 350 = 7 x \$50 per reader/writer	\$ 150 = 3 x \$50 per reader/writer
Total per site	\$8,875	\$4,125
Number of sites	102	64
Total	\$905,250	\$264,000

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