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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 646** HLS 22RS 612
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ELECTION CODE RE SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Makes revisions to the Louisiana Election Code

Proposed law makes various revisions to the LA Election Code (Title 18).

Proposed law amends present law to allow the Parish Board of Election Supervisors to meet for seven (7) days to prepare for and supervise congressional primary elections. Present law only allows the Parish Board of Election Supervisors to meet for six (6) days for congressional primary elections.

Proposed law allow the Secretary of State to contract for the delivery of early voting machines and equipment in parishes that have three or more early voting locations.

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in expenditure for the Department of State to extend the number of days the Parish Board of Election Supervisors have to prepare for and supervise congressional primary elections and to provide for delivery of early voting machines and equipment to parishes that have three or more early voting locations.

Under present law, the Board of Election Supervisors has six (6) days to prepare for and supervise congressional primary elections. Under proposed law, this would increase to seven (7) days. There are five (5) members on the Board of Election Supervisors per parish, a total of 320 members statewide (5 members x 64 parishes). The current compensation for a member of the Parish Board of Election Supervisors is set at \$50 per day. Therefore, proposed law would increase expenditures by \$16,000 (320 members x \$50 a day) in years when a congressional primary occurs. The Department of State reports that these costs can be absorbed into their operating budget.

Proposed law also allows the Secretary of State to contract for the delivery of early voting machines and equipment in parishes that have three or more early voting locations. The Department of State estimates the average costs of contracting for the delivery of equipment will be approximately \$3,500. This includes the cost of vehicle rental, employees, insurance, fuel, LLC and bonding requirements, and hauling equipment. There are currently 12 parishes that have three or more early voting locations, which would equate to a maximum costs of \$42,000 (\$3,500 x 12 parishes). In the situation where a parish is not required to hold an election, those costs would decrease accordingly. The Department of State reports that these costs 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.

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