

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Insurance

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Subject: Appointment of Insurance Commissioner by the Governor **Analyst:** Patrice Thomas

Provides for appointment of the commissioner of insurance. (2/3-CA4s(20)) (gov sig)

<u>Proposed law</u> removes election of the commissioner of insurance from the election code and provides that the governor shall the appointment the commissioner of insurance, subject to Senate confirmation, to serve a term of six years and no more than two consecutive six-year terms. <u>Proposed law</u> deletes the first assistant position and authorizes the commissioner to appoint a chief deputy, who shall perform the duties of the commissioner in the absence of the commissioner. <u>Proposed law</u> requires that the governor appoint a commissioner of insurance from a list of three nominees submitted by a nine-member nominating committee comprised of appointments by the following: state treasurer, House Insurance Committee, Senate Insurance Committee, attorney general, LA Bankers Association, LA Home Builders Association, LA Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers, and two at-large members by the governor. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for specific qualifications of the commissioner. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for the removal of the commissioner from office under certain circumstances.

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EXPENDITURES	2023-24	<u>2024-25</u>	<u> 2025-26</u>	<u> 2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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						
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an increase in expenditures associated with the Commissioner of Insurance becoming an appointed position instead of an elected official. Under the proposed law, the Commissioner of Insurance shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, to serve a six-year term. The governor shall appoint a commissioner from a list of three nominees submitted by a nominee committee. The current Commissioner of Insurance receives an annual salary of \$115,000 under existing law. The Legislative Fiscal Office presumes that the appointed Commissioner of Insurance will receive a higher annual salary than the current elected Commissioner of Insurance. To the extent that an appointed Commissioner of Insurance would receive a higher salary, additional resources, presumably SGR, may be required.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	House	Comme	Brasseaux
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}		
	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Evan Brasseaux	
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