



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

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 Sub. Bill For.:

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ELECTIONS OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1
 (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the time at which certain officials are elected

Proposed constitutional amendment extends the term of current legislators, statewide election officials, members of BESE, sheriffs, clerks of court, coroners, and tax assessors (excluding Orleans Parish local officials) to 2031; provides that these positions should be elected during the regularly scheduled congressional election in years without a regularly scheduled presidential election.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides a proposition to be placed on the ballot for the statewide election held on November 5, 2024, for the voters to approve.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$0	DECREASE	SEE BELOW	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total		\$0			\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a decrease in expenditure in FY 27 and may result in a decrease in FY 28 as a result of moving the offices elected during the currently scheduled gubernatorial election to the regularly scheduled congressional election year without a regularly scheduled presidential election. Under current law, the closed party primary for BESE is scheduled in the spring of 2027 (FY 27) and the gubernatorial primary and general elections are scheduled in the fall of 2027 (FY 28).

By extending the terms and rescheduling these elections to be held in conjunction with the congressional elections, the two spring 2027 statewide elections will likely become municipal elections. The department estimates the cost savings to change a statewide election to a municipal election is approximately \$4 M. The total cost savings will depend on how many municipalities participate in the election and whether there is a special election scheduled in that year.

The Department of State typically budgets for constitutional amendments to be held during the fall elections alongside any positions that are included on the ballot for that year. It is unknown at this time whether the two fall statewide scheduled in FY 28 will have constitutional amendments. To the extent the department does not need to hold statewide elections in the fall of 2027 (FY 28), then costs may decrease accordingly. The total cost savings will depend on how many municipalities participate in the election and whether there is a special election scheduled in that year.


The Secretary of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Secretary of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Secretary of State may require additional SGF resources for the November 5, 2024, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 25.

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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