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HLS 243ES 25

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Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd .:

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Subject: Special Statewide Election on March 29,2025

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ELECTIONS/SPECIAL Calls a special statewide election on March 29, 2025, for submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the state's electors (Item #22)

Proposed law provides for a special statewide election to be held Saturday, March 29, 2025, to submit proposed constitutional amendments passed during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session. Proposed law will be null and void if no proposed constitutional amendment specifies the statewide election on March 29, 2025. Proposed law provides that the election will be held in compliance with application provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes).

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$3,281,010	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,281,010
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	\$3,281,010	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,281,010
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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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 an expenditure increase of approximately \$3.3 M SGF for the Department of State. Proposed law calls for a special statewide election to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025, for proposed constitutional amendments passed during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session. The March 29th election is currently scheduled as an open/municipal primary election that is anticipated to cost \$3.7 M. Statewide elections cost approximately \$7 M. An additional \$3.3 M is needed to transition the election to a statewide election for all parishes and precincts. This includes \$2.9 M in direct election expenses, \$289,000 for additional ballot printing, and \$100,000 in voter outreach.

Note: Currently, HB 4 of the 2023 3rd ES includes an appropriation of \$3.3 M to change the March 29th election to a statewide election.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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Senate **Dual Referral Rules x** 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee

Change {S & H}

 \bigcirc 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increaseor a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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