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Provides for the broadcast and recordation of meetings of the Board of Ethics

Proposed legislation requires the Board of Ethics and the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to broadcast live all public meetings. The legislation additionally requires these meetings to be recorded and made available to the public via an online archive located on the Board of Ethics website for a minimum of two years. Proposed legislation requires the Board of Ethics and the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to use meeting space currently owned or leased by the state equipped with broadcasting capabilities. Legislation further requires officers, boards, commissions, councils, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of the state to cooperate in providing a suitable location and equipment to allow the board to comply with these provisions.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is expected to result in a minimal increase in SGF expenditures beginning January 1, 2026. The Ethics Administration estimates a one-time cost of \$2,500 to purchase equipment. This equipment includes an audio mixer, video mixer, and laptop capable of handling streaming and video processing using audio and video mixers and is intended for use in connecting with existing camera equipment in meeting rooms used by the Board of Ethics or the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure. The Ethics Administration also anticipates an additional annual cost of \$1,500 for cloud storage to maintain meeting recordings in an online archive.

The LFO does not anticipate expenditures for the use of appropriately equipped, state-owned meeting space will be necessary. However, in the event zero-cost, equipped meeting space is not available, there is the possibility of an increase in expenditures to ensure compliance with proposed legislation. The Board of Ethics currently holds meetings in the LaBelle Room at the state-owned LaSalle Building. While plans exist to equip the LaBelle room to handle the live broadcast of meetings, it does not currently have capability. Alternatively, there are several available meeting rooms in state-owned or leased buildings that do have the equipment needed. While some charge agencies to use these spaces, others do not. For example, the Louisiana Purchase Room at the Claiborne Building costs \$800 for a half-day and \$1,200 per day for state agencies to rent; however, in the past these costs have been waived. The Board of Ethics has contacted the Office of State Buildings to see if such a waiver is still permitted. There are also several meeting rooms at the State Capitol equipped with cameras. The House of Representatives and the Senate both offer the use of meeting rooms, when available, to state agencies at no cost.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	<div>Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer</div>