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CIVIL SERVICE/STATE OR +\$316,800 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for supplemental pay for fire protection officers employed by an airport authority

Present constitution authorizes state supplemental payments to law enforcement officers and firefighters employed by local governmental units or political subdivisions and for fire protection officers employed by a port authority, provided that law enforcement officers and firefighters are employed full-time.

Proposed constitutional amendment additionally authorizes state supplemental payments to fire protection officers employed by an airport authority.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides a proposition to be placed on the ballot at the 11/03/26 statewide election for voters to approve.

A companion bill (HB 189) is the enabling legislation.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$316,800	\$633,600	\$633,600	\$633,600	\$633,600	\$2,851,200
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	\$316,800	\$633,600	\$633,600	\$633,600	\$633,600	\$2,851,200
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed constitutional amendment will increase SGF expenditures by \$316,800 in FY 27, which will be annualized in future fiscal years, in Schedule 20-966 Supplemental Pay, as a result of adding fire protection officers employed by an airport authority to the list of public employees eligible for state supplemental pay. Each eligible fire protection officer employed by an airport authority would receive \$600 per month or \$7,200 annually (\$600 per month x 12 months). The LFO estimates that, in FY 27, the number of full-time fire protection officers employed by an airport authority will be 88. Under the proposed law, if all 88 fire protection officers are eligible to receive supplemental pay, the cost would be \$633,600 annually (88 fire protection officers x \$7,200). The fiscal impact of this measure in FY 27 and subsequent fiscal years depends on the number of eligible fire protection officers employed by an airport authority receiving supplemental pay.

Proposed constitutional amendment will increase Local Funds expenditures by an indeterminable amount as state supplemental payments are included in the pensionable earnings used in the calculation of retirement benefits.

Note: The enabling legislation is in companion bill HB 189. If enacted into law, this proposed constitutional amendment on fire protection officers employed by an airport authority receiving state supplemental pay will be on the official ballot for the November 3, 2026, statewide election.

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 3, 2026, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 27.

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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