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ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS OR +\$3,614,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Provides for compensation for election commissioners

Proposed law increases the compensations for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners-in-charge who serve at more than one precinct, and commissioners who have received a certificate of instruction for commissioners-in-charge by \$100.

Proposed law clarifies that the compensation provided for in law to commissioners shall serve as compensation for the time worked on election day and for participation in any courses of instruction.

Proposed law is effective on January 1, 2027.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$3,614,000	\$7,228,000	\$5,421,000	\$5,421,000	\$7,228,000	\$28,912,000
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
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$3,614,000</b>	<b>\$7,228,000</b>	<b>\$5,421,000</b>	<b>\$5,421,000</b>	<b>\$7,228,000</b>	<b>\$28,912,000</b>

  

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an SGF expenditure increase of \$3.6 M in FY 27, \$7.2 M in FYs 28 and 31, and \$5.4 M in FYs 29 and 30 by the Secretary of State's (SOS) office due to a \$100 increase in compensation for various commissioners-in-charge and commissioners who have received a commissioner-in-charge certification of instruction. This increase in costs is nuanced and situational and will vary year to year based on the type and number of elections held that year, whether the SOS utilizes commissioners-in-charge who serve at more than one precinct, and the certification status of commissioners.

The increase per statewide election is \$1,807,000 and the increase per non-statewide election is \$903,500. There are four statewide elections scheduled in FY 27 and FY 28, and FY 31. Proposed law is effective January 1, 2027, therefore only the two statewide spring elections are considered in the costs for FY 27. **Proposed law will result in an increase of \$3,614,000 in FY 27 and \$7,228,000 in FYs 28 and 31.** There are currently two statewide and two non-statewide elections scheduled in FY 29 and FY 30. **Proposed law will result in an increase of \$5,421,000 in FYs 29 and 30.**

Page 2 of this fiscal note details the costs breakdown for commissioners-in-charge and commissioners per statewide election. The SOS generally estimates the costs for municipal/non-statewide elections at 50% of the cost of a statewide election; however, depending on how many municipalities participate in the non-statewide election, these costs can increase or decrease accordingly.

	Statewide	Non-Statewide
Commissioners-in-Charge	\$371,800	\$185,900
Commissioners	\$1,435,200	\$717,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,807,000</b>	<b>\$903,500</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

**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}

  
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Per Statewide Election

Commissioner-in-Charge: There are 3,718 precincts in the state that have voters (currently four precincts have no voters). Assuming there are no commissioners-in-charge over more than one precinct, there will be 3,718 commissioners-in-charge. At a \$100 increase, this would result in an additional expenditure of \$371,800 for each statewide election. To the extent that commissioners-in-charge who serve at more than one precinct are utilized instead of one commissioner-in-charge per precinct, then costs will decrease accordingly.

Commissioners: According to the Secretary of State, all current commissioners have received the commissioner-in-charge certificate of instruction and therefore will also be eligible for the \$100 increase. Precincts with less than 300 voters utilize three commissioners and precincts with more than 300 voters utilize four commissioners. There are 520 precincts with less than 300 voters and 3,198 precincts with more than 300 voters for a total of 14,352 commissioners statewide. For a \$100 increase, this would result in an additional expenditure of \$1,435,200 per statewide election. To the extent that commissioners choose a different certification or do not get certified in the future, then costs will decrease accordingly.

Note: This fiscal note assumes there are no consolidated precincts and all commissioners have received commissioner-in-charge certification of instruction, representing maximum exposure. If the SOS consolidates precincts or some commissioners forgo the commissioner-in-charge certification, then costs will decrease accordingly.

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