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**Fiscal Note**



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 Provides for the use of provisional ballots in all elections

Proposed law provides for the use of provisional ballots in all elections instead of only in federal elections. The Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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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**

The proposed legislation will increase state and local costs for FY 15 and subsequent years. The amount of the increase cannot be determined due to many variables.

The Board of Election Supervisors conducts counts of absentee, early voting, and provisional ballots after the close of an election. Where absentee ballots and early voting numbers are high, parish board commissioners assist with the counting. These commissioners usually earn \$50 per ballot counting session but may earn \$100 if the number of ballots is expected to be high.

In order to provide for provisional voting at any precinct in the parish, each precinct will be required to have copies of each ballot style used in the parish. Each precinct can have several ballot styles depending on the number of split precincts and the items on the ballot, ranging from 1 ballot style up to 12. If provisional voting is used as a convenience issue for voters not wanting to go to their assigned precinct, more provisional ballots may be cast. Other additional expenses would be the costs to print the provisional ballots and training costs for commissioners who will administer the provisional ballots.

In addition, the Secretary of State would incur one-time cost in the amount of approximately \$28,000 in FY 15. The legislation would require programming changes for Elections Registration & Information Network (ERIN). The department's existing vendor currently charges approximately \$100 per hour for programming and the department estimates approximately 280 hours of work is necessary to make these changes (280 hours x \$100 = \$28,000). The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional IT work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the Department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing the existing contract with the vendor. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, the Department may require an increase in the contract amount and may require additional resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}	House <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	<i>Evan Brasseaux</i> <b>Evan Brasseaux</b> <b>Staff Director</b>
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