

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
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INDIAN AFFAIRS EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Abolishes the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs and creates and provides for the Commission on Indian Affairs as its successor

Present law creates the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs as a state agency in the office of the governor. Provides that the office is administered by an executive director who serves at the governor's pleasure and who employs necessary staff. Provides for powers and duties for the office. Proposed law abolishes the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs and creates the Commission on Indian Affairs as an independent agency in the Department of State. Provides that the commission shall have 14 members. The domicile of the commission shall be in East Baton Rouge Parish. The commission shall meet at least once in each quarter of the fiscal year, and as often thereafter as shall be deemed necessary by the chairman. Members of the commission shall receive no salary, but shall be paid one hundred dollars per day for attendance at meetings of the commission and its committees and shall be reimbursed for actual travel and other expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties in accordance with travel regulations of the division of administration. Grants the commission the same powers of those of the abolished office with two exceptions. Provides that the office is abolished and the commission created on August 1, 2014. All unfinished business, references in laws and documents, employees, property, obligations, funds and appropriations, and books and records from the office shall be transferred.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to result in a state general fund increase in the minimum amount of approximately \$76,000 based upon prior year actual expenditures. The proposed legislation abolishes the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs in the Office of the Governor and creates the Commission on Indian Affairs as an independent agency within the Secretary of State. The office currently has 1 vacant TO position, the Executive Director. FY 11 was the last fiscal year the Executive Director position of Indian Affairs was actually filled and funded. This position was funded with \$76,473 of SGF for salary and related benefit costs. To the extent this legislation results in this position being filled, this legislation will result in a SGF increase of at least \$76,000 for that positions' salary and related benefits. The Secretary of State has indicated that they will not provide funding to fill this vacant position nor do will they utilize existing staff for this purpose.

The FY 15 recommended budget for the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs is \$1,288,529 and one unfunded TO position with the following means of finance:

- Fees and Self-Generated - \$7,200 (derived from the sale of LA Native American prestige license plates)
- Statutory Dedications - \$1,281,329 (derived from Avoyelles Parish Local Government Gaming Mitigation Fund)

The provisions of legislation provided for the establishment of the commission membership to include 14 Indian members will increase expenditures by an indeterminable amount. The members will serve without salary and the commission will meet at least quarterly. The members will receive \$100 per day for attendance at meetings of the commission and will be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties in accordance with travel regulations of the division of administration. The cost for quarterly meetings with all members attending would be \$5,600 annually, plus travel reimbursements of \$0.56 per mile. This legislation is silent on the funding source for these additional expenditures. It is assumed that state general funds will be utilized for these increased costs. To the extent commission expenditures are in excess of current resources, SGF will likely be utilized to fund these indeterminable costs.

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> Evan Brasseaux Staff Director
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