

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 348** HLS 15RS 193  
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<b>Subject:</b> Early voting hours, days	

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 Provides relative to early voting

Proposed law requires Registrars of Voters offices to open on all days of the early voting period, including all weekends and holidays, from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

Proposed law repeals present law allowing Registrars of Voters to set polling hours at alternate and additional early voting locations. Proposed law repeals present law allowing Registrars of Voters to set hours for additional early voting locations, excluding gubernatorial and governmental elections, provided the hours are approved by the Secretary of State and made available to the public with adequate notice.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</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 general fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount.

This bill requires Registrars of Voters offices, alternate, and additional early voting locations statewide to open from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM for the entirety of early voting periods, including weekends and all holidays, before elections. This would represent an expansion of overtime hours for Registrars of Voters offices during early voting periods, as they currently must open Monday through Saturday, excluding all holidays, from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM under present law. Currently overtime for Registrars of Voters offices related to early voting runs from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM on weekdays, and from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturdays.

The Secretary of State estimates an approximate increase of expenditures ranging from \$769,000 to \$923,000 annually depending upon the number and types of elections being held statewide. Included in the potential range by the Secretary of State is the anticipated need for a total of six additional T.O. for election operations and information technology help desk personnel to increase the number of employees available to work on weekends and holidays if this bill is passed. However, the maximum number of overtime days that Secretary of State staff would work based upon their estimates is 5 days in FYs 16-17 and fewer days in subsequent FYs. Therefore, the Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the Department can accomplish these tasks with existing personnel, which will result in additional overtime expenses, but should not require additional personnel.

Subtracting the Secretary of State's anticipated need for additional personnel and the associated costs, their anticipated overtime expenses range between \$174,000 and \$435,000. FYs 16 and 17 have anticipated overtime expenses of \$435,000.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	<i>Evan Brasseaux</i> Evan Brasseaux Staff Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}		
<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}		