
DIGEST

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HB 151 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the secretary of state to produce maps and to conduct certain elections not governed by the Election Code or other law and to charge fees for such services and dedicates the fees to the Voting Technology Fund.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of state to produce and sell maps of precincts and election jurisdictions and to charge uniform, reasonable fees for the maps. Proposed law authorizes the secretary of state to utilize the voting machines, voting technology, and other resources of his office to conduct an election not governed by the provisions of present law and to charge uniform, reasonable fees for this service. Proposed law specifies that the fees shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with present law (Administrative Procedure Act).

Proposed law creates the Voting Technology Fund, a special fund in the state treasury. Provides that the source of monies for the fund shall be the monies derived from fees imposed pursuant to proposed law, and any other monies appropriated to the fund. Specifies that the fees imposed and collected pursuant to proposed law shall be remitted to the state treasurer for immediate deposit into the state treasury and after compliance with present constitution requirements relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to the fees collected shall be credited to the fund. Provides that monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and that all interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to this fund following compliance with present constitution requirements relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Specifies that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Provides that all monies in the fund shall be used solely and exclusively for the acquisition and maintenance of voting machine technology, including hardware and software; voting equipment and supplies; voter outreach; voter improvement; early voting; and information technology products to produce, run, and support the election and voting system.

Effective January 11, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 18:21)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add voter outreach, voter improvement, and early voting to the list of items for which the monies in the fund shall be used.