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Fiscal Note On: **SB 207** SLS 15RS 437

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State		
Subject: Election Reimbursements Relative to Early Voting		Analyst: Zachary Rau

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

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Provides for election costs paid by secretary of state; governing authorities; reimbursement. (1/1/16)

Proposed law classifies Registrars' of Voters overtime costs related to early voting duties as an election expense for the Secretary of State which can be reimbursed by local governing authorities.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will likely lead to an increase in local expenditures with a decrease in general fund expenditures. This bill would classify overtime costs as an election expense for the Secretary of State which would be reimbursed by local governing authorities. Overtime for Registrars of Voters 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 currently incurs this cost without reimbursement from local governing authorities.

In FY 14, Registrars' of Voters overtime costs related to early voting totaled \$547,930, with election costs totaling \$10.1 M, of which \$6.9 M was the local share reimbursed to the Secretary of State. The overall local cost share with the Registrars' of Voters overtime expenses of \$547,930 added would total approximately \$7.4 million. To the extent overtime for early voting duties is needed, the local cost share and overall cost of elections will increase.

Pursuant to this legislation, local governments must reimburse the Secretary of State to the extent that Registrars of Voters conduct early voting activities after 4:30 PM on weekdays and on Saturdays. However, the magnitude of these costs will vary annually and cannot be determined.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will lead to an increase in self-generated revenues for the Secretary of State, as it will receive greater reimbursement amounts from local governing authorities for costs associated with conducting elections. The exact reimbursement amounts will vary depending upon the type and scope of election, and therefore cannot be determined.

In FY 14, Registrars of Voters' overtime costs related to early voting activities totaled \$547,930. Pursuant to this legislation, local governing authorities would be responsible for reimbursing all Registrars of Voters overtime costs related to early voting activities to the extent they occur. These costs will vary annually. Therefore, the magnitude of the revenue impact for the Secretary of State cannot be determined.

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| <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} |

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