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Provides relative to the sale of maps and the conduct of certain elections by secretary of state and to dedicate the revenues received for such services

Proposed law allows the Secretary of State to produce and sell maps of precincts and election jurisdictions, as well as conduct elections not governed by provisions of the Election Code or law. Proposed law allows the Secretary of State to charge fees for both of these services.

Proposed law mandates that revenues generated from the sale of maps and conducting elections not governed by provisions of the Election Code or law be remitted to the state treasury. Proposed law creates the statutorily dedicated Voting Technology Fund, which shall have an amount equal to the revenues generated from the sale of maps and conducting elections not governed by provisions of the Election Code or law deposited into it by the state treasurer. Monies deposited in the fund can only be used for early voting activities, voter outreach, voter improvement, the acquisition and maintenance of voting machine technology, voting equipment and supplies, and information technology products to produce, run, and support the election and voting system.

<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.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation may increase expenditures for the Secretary of State by an indeterminable amount. However, any expenditure increases resulting from the proposed legislation will be offset by a provision allowing the Secretary of State to charge "uniform, reasonable fees" for the new services it will provide.

This bill allows the Secretary of State to manufacture and sell maps of precincts and election jurisdictions, a service it does not currently provide. This is a new service that will have no fiscal impact as maps will be produced and delivered electronically using existing staff and resources. The proposed legislation also allows the Secretary of State to conduct elections not governed by the provision of the Election Code or law, such as high school student council elections, a service it previously provided for free as a form of voter outreach and education. To the extent that the Secretary of State conducts elections which are not governed by the provision of the Election Code or law, expenditures will increase.

Expenses incurred by the Secretary of State by conducting private elections include personnel to man the ballot machines and drayage costs to transport machines to the balloting location. Drayage costs vary by parish, as each parish has a different contract and rate for shipping services. The current statewide average cost for drayage is \$48.21 per voting machine. **(Expenditure Explanation cont. on Pg. 2)**

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will increase statutorily dedicated funds by an indeterminable amount. This bill allows the Secretary of State to assess "uniform, reasonable fees" for maps of precincts and election jurisdictions and for conducting of elections not governed by the provision of the Election Code or law. This bill allows the Secretary of State to promulgate its "uniform, reasonable fees" by administrative rule. The proposed legislation states that all revenues generated as a result of the fees for map sales and conducting private elections must be deposited within the newly created Voting Technology Fund.

To the extent the Secretary of State sells maps of precincts and election jurisdiction, as well as conducts elections not governed by the Election Code or law, revenues to the statutorily dedicated Voting Technology Fund will increase. The proposed legislation states that monies deposited in the Voting Technology Fund shall be used for acquisition and maintenance of voting machine technology, voting equipment and supplies, and information technology products to produce, run, and support the election and voting system.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input 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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**CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:**

**(Expenditure Explanation cont. from Pg. 1)** Personnel expenditures for private elections will be limited to the use of technicians who set up and maintain the balloting machines. Personnel costs would not impact expenditures as the technicians will be performing this duty as part of their typical workload, and will not require additional compensation. It would be the responsibility of the entity holding the private election to provide and compensate any additional personnel needed for the election.

The proposed legislation also creates a new statutorily dedicated fund (Voting Technology Fund) to be supervised by the Department of Treasury. Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal additional workload for the agency, which can be absorbed with existing resources. However, to the extent other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be material additional costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds.

Senate

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House

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