

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 654** HLS 16RS 1169  
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Voters Entitled to Assistance Without Written Proof	

VOTERS/VOTING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to voting by certain persons who are entitled to assistance

Present law provides for assistance in voting on election day and during early voting, requiring a person who seeks assistance in voting to file certain required documentation with the registrar prior to voting or to present certain documentation to election officials at the polls. Proposed law provides that a person with a visible physical disability who cannot meet requirements of present law shall complete and sign an affidavit supplied by the secretary of state stating that he is unable to vote without assistance because of a physical disability and the nature of the disability. Proposed law provides for requirements of the affidavit, provides for conditions in which the individual may receive assistance and who may provide that assistance, and provides allowance for such persons to receive assistance in voting.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</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>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase expenditures for the Secretary of State by a nominal amount. This bill allows voters with a visible physical disability who have not notified their parish registrar of voters or provided documentation of their disability to receive voting assistance if they complete an affidavit provided by the Secretary of State certifying the disability and stating the nature of the disability. The Secretary of State will realize an estimated expenditure increase of approximately \$4,400 associated with generating, printing, and delivering the affidavit to polling places.

The Secretary of State reports a one-time expenditure increase of approximately \$62,000 associated with updating training materials, a film and a manual, for election commissioners statewide before the presidential election on November 8, 2016. In discussions with Secretary of State staff, the Legislative Fiscal Office learned that the election manuals are updated and printed annually. Therefore, the Legislative Fiscal Office believes the expenditure increase associated with notifying election commissioners of any new provisions relative to voters who are entitled assistance prior to the November 8, 2016 election can be carried out in another form (by mail, a printed insert in the manual, email notification, etc.) as a means of defraying costs. To the extent the proposed law requires an update of the election commissioner training video, the Secretary of State may require additional SGF resources in FY 17.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u>   | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {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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