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VOTERS/VOTING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Provides relative to early voting

Present law provides that the early voting period shall occur 14 to 7 days prior to any scheduled election. Proposed law adds the third Saturday before a scheduled election to the early voting period. Proposed law repeals present law providing relative to registrars of voters being able to fix the hours during which early voting may be conducted at branch registrar offices and alternative locations under certain circumstances. Proposed law further provides that early voting at branch offices and alternative locations shall be as provided in present law for the registrars of voters offices. Proposed law outlines requirements for registrars of voters to advertise the days, hours, and locations for early voting in the parish.

<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>						
<b>REVENUES</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>
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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**

Proposed law will increase state general fund expenditures for the Secretary of State by adding four days of early voting to each year of the election cycle. The Secretary of State reports that a majority of these expenditures are associated with hiring new personnel to assist in completing all election tasks within a compressed election timeline, as the proposed legislation would add a day of early voting for general elections one week after primary elections.

The Secretary of State estimates an approximate increase of expenditures ranging from \$5.34 M to \$6.24 M 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 85 additional T.O. positions for the following employees:

- 6 election program balloting specialists with combined salary and benefits totaling \$551,523 (\$91,922 per position)
- 3 election field operations employees with combined salary and benefits totaling \$196,344 (\$69,120 per position)
- 2 IT technical support specialists with combined salary and benefits totaling \$185,468 (\$96,406 per position)
- 74 administrative coordinator 3 positions with combined salary and benefits totaling \$4.4 M (\$59,500 per position)

The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that the Department can accomplish any additional work associated with this legislation with existing personnel or an increase in temporary personnel, which will result in additional overtime expenses, but should not require additional full-time personnel. The Secretary of State did not indicate what responsibilities the additional 85 employees would undertake outside of election duties associated with the proposed legislation. However, the maximum number of additional overtime days associated with the proposed legislation is 4. (See Expenditure Explanation cont. on Pg. 2)

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <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)** In addition, the Secretary of State reports that 58 parishes use early voting commissioners to assist in early voting activities at a daily cost of \$17,138 for statewide elections and a daily cost of \$8,569 for non-statewide elections. The additional early voting Saturdays would be computed at this rate, with costs for the 58 parishes totaling \$2.98 M for an election year with 2 statewide elections (2 \* \$17,138 \* 58) and 2 non-statewide elections (2 \* \$8,569 \* 58). The Secretary of State similarly reports that 25 parishes used temporary employees at a daily rate of \$6,499 for statewide elections and \$3,250 for non-statewide elections. The additional early voting Saturdays would be computed at this rate, with costs for the 25 parishes totaling \$19,947 M for an election year with 2 statewide elections (2 \* \$6,499 \* 25) and 2 non-statewide elections (2 \* \$3,250 \* 25).

The Secretary of State estimates total expenditures of approximately \$87,000 associated with opening all registrars of voters offices for early voting activities on the extra Saturday as outlined in the proposed legislation for statewide elections. Furthermore, the Secretary of State assumes half of precincts will be active during the non-statewide springtime elections, with associated early voting costs of approximately \$43,500 to open registrars of voters offices for early voting. A breakdown of the expected expenditure increases by fiscal year is on Page 2 and includes the number of early voting days and if they are associated with a statewide or non-statewide election.

FY 17 - 2 Saturdays for statewide elections (2 \* \$87,000) and 2 Saturdays for non-statewide elections (2 \* \$43,500) totaling \$261,000.

FY 18 - 4 Saturdays for non-statewide elections (4 \* \$43,500) totaling \$174,000.

FY 19 - 2 Saturdays for statewide elections (2 \* \$87,000) and 2 Saturdays for non-statewide elections (2 \* \$43,500) totaling \$261,000.

FY 20 - 3 Saturdays for statewide elections (3 \* \$87,000) and 1 Saturday for non-statewide elections (1 \* \$43,500) totaling \$304,500.

FY 21 - 2 Saturdays for statewide elections (2 \* \$87,000) and 2 Saturdays for non-statewide elections (2 \* \$43,500) totaling \$261,000.

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