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Subject: Extra \$100 Payment for Election Commissioners/Custodians

ELECTIONS OR +\$5,696,400 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Authorizes the payment of additional compensation to certain election officials for elections held within a certain period following a gubernatorially declared emergency (Item #5)
Proposed law authorizes the secretary of state, upon application of a parish board of election supervisors, to approve an additional payment of up to \$100 per election to commissioners and custodians for elections held within one year following the date of the issuance of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency.

| EXPENDITURES | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$5,696,400 | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | \$5,696,400 |
| 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$5,696,400 | | | | | \$5,696,400 |
| REVENUES | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase SGF expenditures by a maximum amount of \$5,696,400 within the Secretary of State in FY 21 as the result of paying an additional \$100 to election commissioners and deputy custodians as well as IT programming changes. For elections held within one year following a gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, proposed law authorizes, but does not require, the Secretary of State to pay up to \$100 per election as additional compensation to election commissioners and deputy parish custodians upon application of a parish board of election supervisors. The proposed law may have a maximum SGF expenditure cost of \$5,624,400 if the Secretary of State pays \$100 additional compensation for all four elections in FY 21 to all eligible parishes. To the extent the Secretary of State pays a compensation amount of less than \$100, or to the extent not all parish board of election supervisors apply, the expenditures will be reduced accordingly.

Based on the October 2019 gubernatorial election, the Secretary of State projects 18,748 election commissioners (early voting and election day) and deputy custodians would receive up to \$100 additional compensation per election under this measure at an average cost of \$1,874,800 per statewide election and the cost for non-statewide elections to be half the cost of statewide elections at \$937,400. To implement proposed law, the Secretary of State anticipates one-time expenditures of \$72,000 for IT program development changes to the Election Registration and Information Network (ERIN) system to properly account for the additional pay (720 programming hours x \$100 per hour).

Below is a projected breakdown of costs per fiscal year:

- FY 21 - \$5,624,400 = 2 statewide elections (2 x \$1,874,800) and 2 non-statewide elections (2 x \$937,400)
- *FY 22 - \$3,749,600 = 4 non-statewide elections (4 x \$937,400)
- *FY 23 - \$5,624,400 = 2 statewide elections (2 x \$1,874,800) and 2 non-statewide elections (2 x \$937,400)
- *FY 24 - \$6,561,800 = 3 statewide elections (3 x \$1,874,800) and 1 non-statewide elections (1 x \$937,400)
- *FY 25 - \$5,624,400 = 2 statewide elections (2 x \$1,874,800) and 2 non-statewide elections (2 x \$937,400)

*Note: This fiscal note assumes the current gubernatorial declaration of emergency will expire by June 30, 2021. Therefore, expenditures in FY 22 and subsequent fiscal years are potential costs contingent on a separate gubernatorial declaration of emergency or continuance of the existing declaration.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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