



# OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 857** HLS 14RS 1068

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Vacancies in Local and Municipal Offices	

ELECTIONS/SPECIAL

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Provides relative to the filling of vacancies in certain local and municipal offices

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill provides relative to vacancies in certain local and municipal offices, and changes the conditions determining whether those vacancies should be filled by a person appointed by the governing authority or by a person elected in a special election.

Currently, when a vacancy occurs in these certain offices, a person appointed by the governing authority may fill the office if the remaining term is 1 year or less; otherwise, a special election is required to fill the vacancy. This bill provides for appointments to fill vacancies with a remaining term of up to 18 months instead of 1 year.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

**This bill may decrease expenditures of local funds by an indeterminable amount.**

An official with the Secretary of State's office indicated that this bill may decrease expenditures of local funds due to reduced election costs for local governments. This bill does not have any effect on the expenditures of the Secretary of State.

The fiscal impact will depend on the number of special elections that will be avoided in the future. The number of such special elections would be very difficult to predict.

### REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules House  6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}  6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}  6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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