

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 161** SLS 20RS 471

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Candidate Name Withdrawal 5 Days Prior to Election	

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Permits a candidate for elective office to withdraw from the election and have his name removed from the ballot up to five days before early voting begins. (7/1/20)

Under present law, a candidate in a primary election may withdraw by filing a notice with the Secretary of State prior to 4:30 p.m. 7 days after the close of the qualifying period. Proposed law changes present law allowing a candidate to withdraw 5 days prior to the first day of early voting. Under present law, a candidate in a general election may withdraw by filing a notice with the Secretary of State prior to 4:30 p.m. 9 days after the date of the primary election. Proposed law changes present law allowing a candidate to withdraw 5 days prior to the first day of early voting. Under present law, election materials are furnished at least 22 days before a primary election and as soon as possible for a general election. Proposed law changes present law that election materials must be furnished no earlier than 4 days prior to the first day of early voting. Proposed law effective July 1, 2020.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

NOTE: The Secretary of State reports the proposed law cannot be implemented due to existing Federal election laws (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act - UOCAVA and Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment - MOVE). The Secretary of State additionally reports that it is unable logistically to reprogram, retest and reseal early voting machines, as well as reprogram and reprint ballots for election day machines within the window prescribed in proposed law. The Secretary of State reports the it can alternatively post withdrawal notices at all early voting sites and polling locations showing the withdrawn candidate's name removed.

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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