

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2515 by Springer (Relating to the provision of an election deadline calendar to authorities holding elections.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2515, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$462,981) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2014	(\$240,438)
2015	(\$222,543)
2016	(\$222,543)
2017	(\$222,543)
2018	(\$222,543)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2013
2014	(\$240,438)	3.0
2015	(\$222,543)	3.0
2016	(\$222,543)	3.0
2017	(\$222,543)	3.0
2018	(\$222,543)	3.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Election Code to require the Secretary of State to provide, electronically or by mail, an election calendar that includes all election-related deadlines applicable to the authority requesting such a calendar.

The Secretary of State indicates that the implementation of the bill would require 3.0 additional full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) in the Attorney I position in order to analyze all statutory election-related deadlines for requesting authorities, including but not limited to: filing deadlines, mailing deadlines, registering deadlines, and verification deadlines.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Methodology

The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) estimates that 1.0 additional FTE in the Attorney I position, with a mid-range salary in the B20 salary group, would cost \$73,661, for salary and related benefits, and \$520, for telephone charges and consumable office supplies, each fiscal year. The LBB also estimates that one-time start-up costs for an additional FTE would be \$4,600 for office furniture and \$1,365 for a new computer and telephone. For the 3.0 FTEs that the Secretary of State indicates are needed to implement the provisions of the bill, the LBB estimates it would cost \$240,438 in fiscal year 2014 and \$222,543 in each of the following fiscal years.

Technology

As mentioned above, the LBB estimates a one-time cost of \$3,000 would be required for new computers for 3.0 FTEs.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

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