

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2584 - 4

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Measure Description:

Lists specified types of expenditures that are definitively considered to be made in coordination with candidates for purposes of determining whether expenditure is considered independent expenditure.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Justice, Secretary of State

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

The measure could cost approximately \$50,000, depending on factors discussed below.

Analysis:

HB 2584 makes a number of changes to election laws regarding coordinated and independent expenditures. The measure defines types of expenditures considered "made in coordination with candidates" and reduces the limitation for independent expenditures to \$250 per calendar year. In addition, statements of such expenditures would need to be filed within seven days after the expenditure is made. The measure increases civil penalty limits for failure to file required statements or certificates, failure to include required filing information, or incorrectly identifying information pertaining to independent expenditures. The bill permits the Secretary of State or the Attorney General to examine the accounts of parties being investigated in certain circumstances.

The Office of the Secretary of State estimates that they will incur costs of approximately \$50,000, largely due to changes that will need to be made to the ORESTAR system to comply with the changes in the measure. However, it is possible that the costs related specifically to implementation of the changes in HB 2584 could be absorbed by current agency staff, pending other changes needed to ORESTAR in the 2017-19 biennium.

The Department of Justice does not anticipate incurring any costs as a result of the measure.