

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3348

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Measure Description:

Requires financial estimate committee to file statement "MEASURE SPENDS MONEY WITHOUT IDENTIFYING A FUNDING SOURCE" with Secretary of State upon finding that ballot measure with no dedicated funding source will have financial effect on public expenditures in excess of \$100,000.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Secretary of State (SOS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 3348 requires the financial estimate committee for an election to file a statement noting the lack of a dedicated funding source when a ballot measure will cost more than \$100,000 to implement. This statement is to be printed in the voters' pamphlet.

The fiscal impact to the Secretary of State's office is the state's portion of incremental costs incurred for an already-funded election. The Secretary of State prepares and distributes the voters' pamphlet and collects a filing fee for each argument submitted in support or opposition of a ballot measure. Typically, these filing fees cover slightly more than one-half of the cost of producing and mailing the voters' pamphlet. The remaining costs are paid by the General Fund. At this time, the fiscal impact to the Secretary of State's office is indeterminate because the cost of producing and distributing the voters' pamphlet is determined by the total number of initiatives and legislative referrals on the ballot, and by the number of arguments submitted in support or opposition of these ballot measures, and this information will not be known until after election filing deadlines. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that the Secretary will seek General Fund support from the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly if the actual voters' pamphlet costs exceed currently budgeted election expenditures.