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Bill Number: S. 0866 Introduced on January 14, 2020
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Subject: Municipal Election Contest Results
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Miller
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the South Carolina Election Commission as it is not responsible to for reimbursing counties for the cost of conducting hearings on the contest of an election.

This bill will have no fiscal impact on local election commissions because there will not be an increase in the number of contested elections, though it may result in a shift in the costs between local entities.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill adds county boards of voter registration and elections as an appropriate authority that may receive and conduct a hearing on a contest of an election by any candidate, if the municipality has transferred the authority to conduct its election, in accordance with §5-15-145, to the county board of voter registration and elections. The State Election Commission does not reimburse counties for these proceedings and therefore, will have no expenditure impact due to this bill.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill adds county boards of voter registration and elections as an appropriate authority that may receive and conduct a hearing on a contest of an election by any candidate, if the municipality has transferred the authority to conduct its election, in accordance with §5-15-145, to the county board of voter registration and elections. Currently, only municipal election commissions have the authority to receive and conduct hearings on a contest of an election. This may result in a shift of expenditures between the local entities. However, there is no expectation of an increase in the number of contests of elections, therefore, there will be no increase to local expenditures.

Local Revenue

N/A

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