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Bill Number:	S. 1083	Introduced on February 5, 2020
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution may result in an increase in non-recurring General Fund expenditures totaling \$2,805,000 in FY 2020-21 for the South Carolina Election Commission (SEC) if SEC has to reprogram its internal statewide voter registration system. This update will include \$200,000 to update the voter registration election management system software, \$60,000 for voter registration application and form updates, \$1,000,000 for voter education, \$45,000 to update the poll manager handbook, and online training, and \$1,500,000 for statewide mailings to notify voters of the change.

We anticipate this bill will have a minimal expenditure impact for local county boards of registration and elections that can be managed within existing budgets because SEC will help the locals manage the new voter registration requirement.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated for revised analysis and fiscal impact due to additional agency response from SEC.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Revised Analysis and Fiscal Impact on March 10, 2020

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State Expenditure

This joint resolution specifies that a registered elector who casts a ballot in a presidential preference primary of a certified political party may only vote in that party's future presidential preference primaries. This provision is repealed on December 31, 2024. Based on SEC's response, if SEC is responsible for tracking the political party of electors to determine their eligibility to vote in presidential primaries, they will need to update their internal statewide voter registration system. This update will include \$200,000 to update the voter registration election management system software, \$60,000 for voter registration application and form updates, \$1,000,000 for voter education, \$45,000 to update the poll manager handbook, and online training, and \$1,500,000 for statewide mailings to notify voters of the change. The total cost of all of these updates is \$2,805,000. Therefore, this joint resolution may result in an increase in non-recurring General Fund expenditures totaling \$2,805,000 in FY 2020-21.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This joint resolution specifies that a registered elector who casts a ballot in a presidential preference primary of a certified political party may only vote in that party's future presidential preference primaries. This provision is repealed on December 31, 2024. We anticipate SEC will assist counties with registering electors and creating and maintaining a list of registered electors. Because SEC will be assisting counties and reimbursing most election costs, we anticipate a minimal expenditure impact for local county boards of registration and elections that can be managed within existing budgets.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated for revised analysis and fiscal impact due to additional agency response from SEC.

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on February 5, 2020**State Expenditure**

This joint resolution specifies that a registered elector who casts a ballot in a presidential preference primary of a certified political party may only vote in that party's future presidential preference primaries. This joint resolution does not alter the responsibilities of SEC. Therefore, we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact. However, SEC is working to provide a response which may change this analysis.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This joint resolution specifies that a registered elector who casts a ballot in a presidential preference primary of a certified political party may only vote in that party's future presidential preference primaries. This joint resolution does not alter the responsibilities of the local boards of voter registration and elections to hold presidential preference primaries. Therefore, we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact.

Local Revenue

N/A



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