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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Sandoval DATE TYPED: 02/05/01 HB 510
 SHORT TITLE: Increased Costs of 2000 Election SB _____
 ANALYST: Woodlee

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
\$ 413.5				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 510 appropriates \$413.5 from the general fund to the Secretary of State for the purpose of covering a budget shortfall due to increased costs of the 2000 primary and general elections. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

In FY01, the agency received \$644.4 in operating costs to cover election expenses, such as printing and advertising. The agency indicates that an increase in registered voters and, thus, increases in election materials needed has led to the shortfall of \$413.5. In addition, the agency indicates that some 2000 primary election expenses, which should fall in the FY00, had to be paid with the current operating budget. The agency received the bills after the July 1, 2000 date. The expenditures for the 2000 primary were not anticipated in the FY01 operating budget appropriation.

According to the agency, voter registration increased by 6.7 percent, or 61,484 voters, from the 1998 election to the 2000 election. Election supplies and materials are ordered based on a percentage of the total number of registered voters. In addition, the agency has to deal with new elections, such as the Public Regulation Commission, which is relatively new. In addition, with the entire legislature up for election in 2000, the number of candidates and the expenses related to campaign reporting was higher than the 1998 general election.

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The appropriation of \$413.5 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2001 shall revert to the general fund. The bill also contains an emergency clause.

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