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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stewart ORIGINAL DATE 2/25/15
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SHORT TITLE Tax & Rev. Voter Info Changes to Sec of State SB 523/aSRC

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$92.0	NFI	NFI	\$92.0	Nonrecurring	SOS and TRD Operating Budgets

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State (SOS)

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee amendment to Senate Bill 523 inserts a new section to include an effective date of December 31, 2016.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 523 creates a new section of the Election Code and the Income Tax Act to allow taxpayers to update their voter registration address information by making an indication on a personal income tax form submitted to the TRD which would then be conveyed by secure means to the Secretary of State for processing by the county clerk offices.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

TRD reports that enactment of this legislation would increase operational expenses by an estimated \$42 thousand. The provisions of SB 523 require changes to the Gentax and Taxpayer Access Point personal income tax documents, additionally new processes need to be developed to extract this address change information and securely issue the information to SOS.

The SOS states that implementation of SB 523 is expected to have a fiscal impact on both SOS related to updates needing to be performed on the voter registration and election management system. Previous enhancements of this type have cost the SOS between \$30 thousand and \$50 thousand.

The total estimated additional operating budget impact is likely to be \$92 thousand or less.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The SOS is working to replace the current voter registration and election management system and notes that if the implementation of the provisions of SB 523 were delayed until FY17, SOS could include this data exchange process in the scope of work of the new voter registration system, thereby reducing implementation cost.

CONFLICT

The SOS writes:

A potential conflict may exist as current law dictates that the county clerk must keep an updated, hard copy of the certificate of voter registration on file. Other online transmissions of voter registration data (from MVD) includes the transmission of a pdf copy of the updated certificate with a signature so that counties can print it out and include it in the county register.

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