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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lente **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/28/17
LAST UPDATED 3/10/17 **HB** 357/aHFl#1/ec

SHORT TITLE Native American Voting Info Task Force **SB** _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Department of Indian Affairs (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HFL Amendment #1

The House Floor amendment #1 to House Bill 357 strikes the \$20 thousand non-reverting appropriation from the general fund in FY18 to the SOS.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 357 (HB357) would appropriate \$20 thousand in general fund revenue to the Secretary of State (SOS) in FY18 and subsequent fiscal years to convene a Native American voting information task force. The bill includes an emergency clause.

HB357 requires the SOS convene a Native American voting information task force to make findings and recommendations to the SOS regarding Native American voting education and information. Task force members would be paid per diem and mileage for meeting attendance as provided for under the Per Diem and Mileage Act for nonsalaried public officials. The SOS would appoint the members to the taskforce as follows:

- (1) a member of the Navajo Nation;
- (2) a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation;
- (3) a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe;

- (4) a member of a Pueblo; and
- (5) a Native American who resides in an urban area.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Floor amendment #1 struck the recurring appropriation for \$20 thousand in general fund revenue to the SOS in FY18 and subsequent fiscal years.

The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) notes the bill does not set a requirement for how often the task force would meet. Assuming the average per diem per person for the five member task force is \$600 per person, it is estimated \$20 thousand would support approximately six to seven meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Under the provisions of the bill, the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) indicates it would be required to provide administrative support to the task force and ensure adherence to the Open Meetings Act. Additional administrative impact may be seen as a result of any recommendations that may be made by the task force.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

HB357 proposes the task force would "make findings and recommendations" to the Secretary of State's Office (SOS); however, the SOS suggests the sponsor may want to strike the word "findings" since it appears that the intent of the task force is to be more of an advisory board and not regulatory.

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