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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	See Below	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill provides guidance and requirements regarding the implementation of the Constitutional amendment requiring the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor to be jointly elected.

The Election Commission anticipates a non-recurring \$50,000 expenditure impact to the General Fund, in FY 2018-19, to update programming and election software to ensure the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected jointly. There would be no impact to Other Funds or Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 21, 2018

State Expenditure

This bill provides guidance and requirements regarding the implementation of the Constitutional amendment requiring the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor to be jointly elected.

It establishes the procedure by which a person nominated for Governor selects a Lieutenant Governor as a joint ticket running mate and requires the State Election Commission to ensure they are elected jointly. The bill provides for the substitution of candidates for Lieutenant Governor, when the designated Lieutenant Governor dies, becomes disqualified, or resigns before the election. The bill also provides for the appointment of a successor, when the Lieutenant Governor is impeached, dies, resigns, becomes disabled, or disqualified while in office. Additionally, this bill limits campaign contributions within an election cycle to \$3,500 in the aggregate for statewide candidates elected jointly. Further, the bill requires the State Election Commission and the director of each county board of registration and elections to accept filings

during the regular business hours on the regular business days of the filing period, and if the last day for filing falls on a weekend the time for filing is extended to the next regular business day.

Department of Administration. This bill does not add any additional responsibilities or duties for the Governor's office. Therefore, the Department of Administration, as the central administration agency associated with the Governor's office, would also have no additional responsibilities or duties and would have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Lieutenant Governor's Office. This bill does not add any additional responsibilities or duties for the Lieutenant Governor's Office. Therefore, it will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

State Election Commission. The Election Commission anticipates a \$50,000 non-recurring expense to update its system programming to conform to the Constitutional amendment. This bill establishes the specific requirements for the implementation of the Constitutional amendment, which can be accomplished during the system update. The State Election Commission must ensure the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are jointly elected and extend the hours to accept filing to regular business hours, with a one day extension for those times when the filing period ends on a weekend. The bill does not add any additional cost for the State Election Commission. Therefore, the Election Commission anticipates a non-recurring expenditure impact of \$50,000 on the General Fund in FY 2018-19.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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