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Bill Number: S. 0017 Introduced on January 8, 2019
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Subject: Voter Registration and Election Board
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Miller
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have an undetermined impact on local expenditures for each county to certify all candidates for sheriff and coroner for that county. Based on the responses from 8 counties, if the certification requires a review of the paperwork to ensure the candidates filed properly and include proof of meeting the minimum requirement in §23-11-110 and §17-5-130, then no increase in local expenditures is expected. However, if the county voter registration and elections boards must confirm the candidate meets the minimum requirement in §23-11-110 and §17-5-130 by doing background checks and other such investigative actions, the increase in local expenditure would increase by an undetermined amount.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill requires each county voter registration and elections board to certify that county's candidates for coroner and county sheriff. Section 23-11-110 lay out the qualifications for a sheriff and § 17-5-130 lay out the qualifications for a coroner. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) contacted all 46 counties to request the fiscal impact of this bill for counties. The counties of Allendale, Horry, Saluda, Barnwell, Charleston, Florence, Lancaster, and Lexington responded to RFA's request.

Allendale, Barnwell, Horry, Charleston, and Lexington counties anticipate no cost or minimal cost to certify sheriffs and coroner candidates. These counties anticipate certifying that the individual counties properly filed their paperwork and are a resident of the county. Lancaster and Florence were unable to estimate the cost of this bill, as they were not sure what steps were required to certify the candidates. If certification requires confirming the paperwork of each candidates filing, Lancaster county estimated no expenditure impact. If certification requires back ground checks and other investigations, Lancaster county estimated the cost of certification for each candidate will increase significantly.

Because some counties expressed concern as to the requirements of the certification process, the local expenditure impact of this bill is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director