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| Bill Number:    | S. 0887 Introduced on December 6, 2021 |
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| Author:         | Rice                                   |
| Subject:        | Constitutional Conventions             |
| Requestor:      | Senate Judiciary                       |
| RFA Analyst(s): | Gardner and Williams                   |
| Impact Date:    | February 22, 2022                      |

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill creates a new felony offense for a violation of an oath given by a candidate for commissioner or alternate to a convention of states or to a state ratification convention.

The House of Representatives, Judicial, and the Commission on Indigent Defense report the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact, as each of these agencies expects to manage any increase in workloads within current resources.

A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the Senate, Office of the Attorney General, and Department of Corrections are still reviewing the bill.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

## Introduced on December 9, 2021 State Expenditure

This bill requires candidates for commissioners and alternates to a convention of states or to a state ratification convention to take an oath. The bill also creates a new felony offense for violations of the required oath. Persons convicted of this offense must be imprisoned for not more than ten years.

Senate. The expenditure impact is pending, as the Senate is still reviewing the bill.

**House of Representatives.** The bill requires the General Assembly to provide legislative instructions to commissioners and alternates for a convention of states or to a state ratification convention to take an oath. The House of Representatives indicates it expects to perform activities that will be conducted in normal sessions. Therefore, the bill will have no fiscal impact.

**Judicial.** This bill creates a new felony offense for a violation of an oath given by a candidate for commissioner or alternate to a convention of states or to a state ratification convention. The implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact, as Judicial expects to manage any increase in caseloads within current resources.

**Office of the Attorney General.** The expenditure impact is pending, as the Office of the Attorney General is still reviewing the bill.

**Commission on Indigent Defense.** The implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact, as the department expects to manage any increase in caseloads within current resources.

**Department of Corrections.** The expenditure impact is pending, as the department is still reviewing the bill.

**State Revenue** N/A

**Local Expenditure** N/A

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