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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3591 Introduced on January 10, 2023  
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**Subject:** Constitutional Amendment  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Miller  
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This joint resolution proposes to repeal Section 4, Article XI of the State Constitution, which currently states that no money shall be paid from public funds nor shall the credit of the State or any of its political subdivisions be used for the direct benefit of any religious or other private educational institution. This proposal must be placed on the ballots of the next general election, which will occur in November 2024.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for the State Election Commission as the agency anticipates the cost associated with the additional responsibilities from this joint resolution will be minimal and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

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The State Election Commission will ensure that the proposed amendment appears on the ballots at the next general election and produce handouts and posters related to this proposal. The agency anticipates the cost associated with the additional responsibilities from this joint resolution will be minimal and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the State Election Commission.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure and Local Revenue**

N/A

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