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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4589    Introduced on January 9, 2024  
**Author:** G.M. Smith  
**Subject:** Municipal Election Protests  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Tipton  
**Impact Date:** January 30, 2024

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill removes a provision of code requiring incumbent elected municipal officials to hold over pending final determination of any contest filed. The bill also removes the requirement that a notice of an appeal of a municipal election outcome must act as a stay of further proceedings and requires appeals to be granted first priority consideration of the court.

This bill will have no impact on the State Election Commission (SEC) or Judicial, as both entities indicate all requirements will be managed using existing staff and appropriations.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

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The SEC provides oversight and funding for municipal election commissions in the state. The SEC indicates that all changes to municipal election law made by the bill will be managed within the commission’s existing resources. Judicial reports that granting first priority consideration to municipal election appeals will be managed by existing court staff and appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no impact on the SEC nor Judicial.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

  
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 Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director