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Bill Number: H. 4590 Introduced on January 9, 2024
Author: G. M. Smith
Subject: Early Voting Hours
Requestor: House Judiciary
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill extends the hours of operation of all early voting centers in the state to 7:00 PM for statewide general elections, any runoff election, or any other election that is not a statewide general or runoff election.

The State Election Commission (SEC) indicates that this bill will have no impact on the commission.

We anticipate this bill may have a local expenditure impact. Currently, poll managers are paid a daily rate of \$75 by the SEC. Counties may choose to supplement poll worker pay due to the extension of early voting hours; however, the local expenditure impact is currently undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 9, 2024

State Expenditure

This bill extends the hours of operation of all early voting centers in the state to 7:00 PM for statewide general elections, any runoff election, or any election that is not a statewide general or runoff election. Currently, early voting centers must be open until 6:00 PM for statewide general elections and 5:00 PM for runoff elections or any election that is not a statewide general or runoff election. According to the SEC, poll managers are paid \$60 for attending training and \$75 for working on election day. The SEC indicates that the extension of early voting hours established by the bill will not have a direct impact on this pay, and therefore, the bill will have no impact on the SEC.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

Counties may choose to supplement poll worker pay above the amount provided by the SEC as a result of the bill. However, the amount of additional pay and the number of counties that may

choose to do so is unknown. Therefore, we anticipate an undetermined impact on local expenditures.

Local Revenue

N/A



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