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Bill Number:	S. 0244	Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject:	School Trustees	
Requestor:	Senate Education	
RFA Analyst(s):	Miller and Bryant	
Impact Date:	March 9, 2023	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires any regularly scheduled election for a school trustee to be held at the same time as the general election in even-numbered years.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for Elections as the management of elections is within the normal scope of business for the agency.

The expenditure impact of this bill on local school districts will vary, as some districts already meet the requirements of the bill but others will experience an increase in expenses. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) surveyed the seventy-three regular school districts and the three charter districts regarding the expenditure impact of this bill and received responses from twenty-four districts. Of the responding districts, twenty-one indicate the bill will have no expenditure impact since they either already hold elections for school trustees at the same time as the general election or can manage the provisions of the bill within their existing budgets. Marlboro County School District reports that seven of its nine trustees' terms are currently scheduled to expire in 2027, which is an odd year. The district estimates that it will cost approximately \$300-\$400 to advertise the new filing requirements and election date in the local newspaper. Bamberg County School District and Florence County School District 2 indicate that expenses could increase by a range of approximately \$4,000 to \$20,000 to hold local school district elections at the same time and location as general elections.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

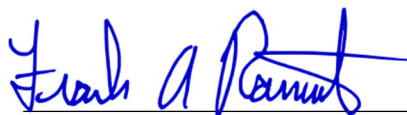
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Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

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