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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0405	Introduced on January 18, 2023
<b>Author:</b>	Campsen	
<b>Subject:</b>	Certificates of Ascertainment of Appointment of Electors	
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate Judiciary	
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill requires the Governor to transmit to the Archivist of the United States a certificate of ascertainment of appointment of electors at least six days before the meeting of the electors. The bill also changes the timing for electors to meet from the first Monday to the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December following appointment. The bill further revises the manner of disposition of certificates of ascertainment of appointment of electors by requiring the Executive Director of the State Election Commission to preserve one set of certificates.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Election Commission as it requires the agency to perform activities within the normal course of business.

We anticipate that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the Office of the Governor since we expect that the agency will be able to manage the responsibilities within the normal course of business.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 18, 2023**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill requires the Governor to transmit to the Archivist of the United States a certificate of ascertainment of appointment of electors at least six days before the meeting of the electors. The bill also changes the timing for electors to meet from the first Monday to the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December following appointment. The bill further revises the manner of disposition of certificates of ascertainment of appointment of electors. Currently, two certificates of ascertainment must be delivered to the Secretary of State of South Carolina. The bill deletes this requirement and specifies that two sets of certificates must be sent to the Executive Director of the State Election Commission. One of these certificates must be preserved by the Executive Director of the State Election Commission for one year and must be open to public inspection.

**State Election Commission.** This bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Election Commission as it requires the agency to perform activities within the normal course of business.

**Office of the Governor.** We anticipate that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the Office of the Governor since we expect that the agency will be able to manage the responsibilities within the normal course of business. We will update this impact if the Office of the Governor provides a different response.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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