



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3553	Introduced on January 14, 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	County Election Directors State Supplement	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Ways and Means	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Miller	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	April 29, 2025	

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill adds directors of county boards of voter registration and elections to the list of county officials that must receive an annual appropriation from the General Assembly for a salary supplement pursuant to §8-15-65. The amounts appropriated must include salary and employer contributions and are in addition to amounts provided as compensation for these officials by the county. The Comptroller General's Office must administer and pay this new salary supplement in accordance with the schedule and method of payment provided for state employees.

The Comptroller General's Office currently administers and pays the salary supplement for county auditors and treasurers in accordance with the schedule and method of payment provided for state employees. The office anticipates being able to manage the addition of the directors of the county boards of voter registration and elections salary supplement to this pay schedule with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

In FY 2024-25, auditors and treasurers each receive a total statewide salary supplement of \$1,128,969, or \$24,543 per office per county. If the directors of the county boards of voter registration and elections salary supplement is similar to those of county auditors and treasurers, this bill will increase General Fund expenses by approximately \$1,128,969 and increase local revenue by an equivalent amount beginning in FY 2026-27 or the year that funds are appropriated. However, the amount to be appropriated is at the discretion of the General Assembly, and therefore, the General Fund expenditure impact and local revenue impact will depend on appropriations.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

#### Introduced on January 14, 2025

#### State Expenditure

This bill adds directors of county boards of voter registration and elections to the list of county officials that received an annual appropriation from the General Assembly for a salary supplement pursuant to §8-15-65. The Comptroller General's Office must administer and pay this new salary supplement in accordance with the schedule and method of payment provided for state employees.

The Comptroller General's Office currently administers and pays the salary supplement for county auditors and treasurers in accordance with the schedule and method of payment provided for state employees. The office anticipates being able to manage the addition of the directors of the county boards of voter registration and elections salary supplement with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

In FY 2024-25, auditors and treasurers each receive a total statewide salary supplement of \$1,128,969, or \$24,543 per office per county. If the directors of the county boards of voter registration and elections salary supplement is similar to those of county auditors and treasurers, this bill will increase expenses by approximately \$1,128,969 beginning in FY 2026-27 or the year in which funds are appropriated. However, the amount to be appropriated is at the discretion of the General Assembly, and therefore, the General Fund expenditure impact will depend on appropriations.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

This bill adds directors of county boards of voter registration and elections to the list of county officials that received an annual appropriation from the General Assembly for a salary supplement pursuant to §8-15-65. The salary supplement will be distributed in the same manner as the salary supplements for county treasurers and auditors. In FY 2024-25, auditors and treasurers each receive a total statewide salary supplement of \$1,128,969, or \$24,543 per office per county. If the directors of the county boards of voter registration and elections salary supplement is similar to those of county auditors and treasurers, each county will receive an additional \$24,543. However, the amount to be appropriated is at the discretion of the General Assembly, and therefore, the local revenue impact will depend on appropriations.



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