



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 5683	Amended by House Judiciary on May 13, 2026
<b>Subject:</b>	Redistricting, Congressional Districts	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Judiciary	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Welsh	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	May 14, 2026	

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes the election districts from which members of the U.S. House of Representatives are elected and repeals Section 7-19-45 relating to election districts from which members of the U.S. House of Representatives are currently elected. This bill also adjusts filing deadlines, primary dates, certification deadlines, and filing fees for the election of members of the U.S. House of Representatives during the 2026 election year.

The State Election Commission (Elections) anticipates that the administration of a statewide primary election in August represents a non-recurring expense of \$2,500,000 with an additional non-recurring expense of \$1,000,000 if a primary runoff is required in September. Elections reports the total \$3,500,000 impact will be split between \$2,860,000 to reimburse counties for election workers and \$640,000 to reimburse counties for other expenses including ballot printing, ballot stock, postage for absentee ballots, polling location technician costs, legal notices, polling place rentals, and additional supplies. Elections anticipates requesting a General Fund appropriation for these expenses.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) also contacted all counties to determine the local expenditure impact of this bill. We received a response from Charleston County and Lancaster County. Charleston County anticipates a total impact of about \$830,000 including \$400,000 for an additional primary election, \$300,000 for a runoff election, and \$130,000 for mailings to communicate changes to voters. Lancaster County anticipates an impact of \$160,000 for an additional primary and runoff along with an additional undetermined expenditure to mail updated voter registration cards to each voter. The counties did not indicate whether these expenses will be in addition to the amount reimbursed by the State.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

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