

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0248 Introduced on January 21, 2025

Subject: Constitutional Amendment Proposed, Commissioner of Agriculture

Requestor: Senate Judiciary

RFA Analyst(s): Welsh

Impact Date: January 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution proposes a referendum on a constitutional amendment to specify that the Commissioner of Agriculture will be appointed by the Governor, with advice and consent of the Senate. This proposal must be submitted to the voters at the next general election.

This bill will have no expenditure impact as the State Election Commission can manage the additional responsibilities due to this bill with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 21, 2025 State Expenditure

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The State Election Commission can manage the additional responsibilities due to this bill with existing staff and within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact.

If the voters approve this proposal, additional legislation will be required to amend the State's Constitution and enact the change.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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