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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 1030	Introduced on March 18, 2026
Subject:	The Right to Bear Arms	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Welsh	
Impact Date:	March 23, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution proposes a referendum on a constitutional amendment to clarify that every citizen has the personal, fundamental right to keep and bear arms and that right shall not be infringed by international treaties or laws that violate the United States Constitution. 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

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State Expenditure

This joint resolution proposes a referendum on a constitutional amendment to clarify that every citizen has the personal, fundamental right to keep and bear arms and that right shall not be infringed by international treaties or laws that violate the United States Constitution. This proposal must be submitted to the voters at the next general election.

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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