



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 3154 As amended by the House of Representatives on April 28, 2015
 Author: J. E. Smith
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary
 Date: May 28, 2015
 Subject: S.C. Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act
 RFA Analyst(s): Fulmer and Wren

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$50,000	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	Undetermined	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill will have a nonrecurring \$50,000 expenditure impact on the General Fund and no expenditure impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds. Due to the limited number of responses from the counties surveyed, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office is not able to determine the expenditure impact of this bill on county governments.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

The bill enacts the South Carolina Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act to provide registration and absentee voting alternatives for certain military and overseas voters as defined by this bill.

The State Election Commission (SEC) will ensure that the election commission's electronic transmission system is capable of accepting both a federal postcard application and any other approved electronic registration application sent to the appropriate election official. SEC indicates that changes would need to be made to the statewide Voter Registration Election Management System in order to comply with the bill. The agency estimates a nonrecurring General Fund expenditure impact of \$50,000 to upgrade the system.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted twenty-three county governments regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Richland County reports that this bill will have no impact as the county is currently following the guidelines introduced in the bill. Due to the limited number of responses from the counties surveyed, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact of this bill on county governments.

Local Revenue

N/A



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