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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3154 As signed by the Governor on June 11, 2015
 Author: J. E. Smith
 Requestor: House of Representatives
 Date: June 21, 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

Explanation of Amendment (June 4, 2015) – By the Conference Committee

The conference report amended Section 7-13-350 to require candidates for President and Vice President be certified no later than the first Tuesday following the first Monday in September. The conference report further amends Section 7-15-20, which adds Article 9, South Carolina Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act. This amendment is not expected to impact state expenditures, and the impact of this bill as amended is unchanged from the bill as amended on April 28, 2015.

Explanation of Amendment (April 28, 2015) – By the House of Representatives

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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