

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3197**

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TO:	The Honorable F. Gregory "Greg" Delleney, Jr., Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Division of Elections		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3197 amends various sections of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, to create the Division of Elections within the Office of Secretary of State and to devolve the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the State Election Commission upon the Division of Elections.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Office of Secretary of State

The Office reports this Bill would create an estimated one-time cost to the General Fund of \$350,000 to restructure the agency to add a Division of Elections comprised of the current State Election Commission. The Office's estimated costs include \$130,000 to move the Commission to a closer location and \$220,000 for integration of IT systems, computers, phones and equipment, policy changes and implementation, and project management for the initiative. The Office reports it does not have available office space to accommodate the Commission or its 19.50 authorized FTEs and that further analysis would be required to fully estimate the cost of assuming the rights and obligations of the State Election Commission as well as any cost to Federal and/or Other Funds.


LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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