

REVISED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H3298

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TO: The Honorable F. Gregory "Greg" Dellaney, Jr., Chairperson, House Judiciary Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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SUBJECT: Election Commission and Board of Registration

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3298 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to make various election law revisions. The Bill imposes new requirements regarding the acknowledgment of statements of candidacy and publication of filing periods. The legislation requires statements of economic interests to be filed online no later than April fifteenth for all candidates. In addition, all counties must have a single board of registration and elections. The State Ethics Commission is required to furnish a website on which all statements of economic interests are to be filed online and to designate an annual deadline by which statements of economic interests are to be filed online.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Election Commission

The Election Commission indicates that this Bill will have a non-recurring cost to the General Fund of the state of approximately \$200,000. These costs include modifications to the voter registration and election management system, changes to SCVotes.org website, and training and equipment for counties.

State Ethics Commission

The Commission estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

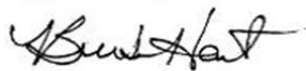
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76, the State Budget Division surveyed counties to assess the impact of this Bill. One county reported minimal costs and three counties indicated there would be no fiscal impact with the adoption of this Bill.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The italicized portion of this impact indicates the items that have been revised. For this impact, the revised constitutes information that was not available in the original impact.

Approved by:



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