

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: SB 259

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Measure Description:

Requires Secretary of State to conduct study and analyze provisions relating to civic engagement.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Secretary of State (SOS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 259 directs the Secretary of State (SOS) to conduct a study and analyze statutory provisions relating to civic engagement. As part of the study, the Secretary shall develop recommendations, which may include recommendations for additional legislation, regarding the most effective methods for ensuring the maximum amount of civic engagement in the redistricting process. The Secretary shall submit the report, including any recommendations, to the interim legislative committees on rules no later than September 15, 2022. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2022 and is repealed on January 2, 2023.

The Secretary of State is provided the opportunity to revise the SOS budget request because, as a newly elected public official, the Secretary was unable to have input before submission of the 2021-23 Agency Request Budget. In the revised budget request, the Secretary is requesting a Public Affairs Specialist 3 position (1.00 FTE) in the SOS Administrative Services Division, which could conduct the study and submit the report if approved. If this Policy Option Package were not approved, SOS may need additional resources to conduct the study and submit the report.