Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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Description Public financing of elections for certain state offices, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, providing a penalty, and making appropriations			
Fiscal Effect			
Appropriations Rev	ease Existing enues rease Existing enues Decrease Costs - May be to absorb within agency enues Decrease Costs		
Local: No Local Government Costs Indeterminate 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Mandatory Permissive Mandatory No Local Government Units Affected Towns Village Counties Counties School WTCS Districts			
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.510			
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation makes several changes in campaign finance law. For purposes of this fiscal estimate it is assumed that the law will be in place for the 2006 election,. For purposes of determining the amount of funding necessary for the publicly financed grants it is assumed the following number of candidates will qualify for and receive grants:

2006 Primary Grant Amount

Governor 2 2,000,000 Lieutenant Governor 2 500,000 Attorney General 2 700,000 State Treasurer 2 250,000 Secretary of State 2 250,000 State Senator 20 2,000,000 State Representative 145 3,625,000 9,325,000 total

2006 General Grant Amount

Governor 2 4,000,000 Lieutenant Governor 2 1,000,000 Attorney General 2 1,400,000 State Treasurer 2 500,000 Secretary of State 2 500,000 State Senator 10 1,000,000 State Representative 65 1,300,000 9,700,000 total

2007 Spring and special elections (including primaries)

Supreme Court 4 1,500,000 State Senator 2 300,000 State Representative 4 300,000 2,850,000 total

This estimate assumes no additional funding for matching spending by candidates that do not accept the public funding or to match independent expenditures.

The agency will have to hire 6 LTEs at the Financial Specialist 2 level to audit and process the application and distribution of payments during even numbered years. The salary and fringe costs will be \$87,400. Initial set-up costs for the positions will be \$20,000 and plus administrative costs of \$5,400 for the positions.

Additional administrative costs include development of a campaign information system (\$3,000,000 first year development costs) and one time costs for revision of forms, manuals and training materials (\$2,500).

One-time costs.

Development of a campaign information system (\$3,000,000 first year development costs) and costs for revision of forms, manuals and training materials (\$2,500). The campaign finance information system is essential to current agency operations. The extent and scope of the changes required in this legislation make it imperative that the campaign information system be developed as part of the implementation of this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It will require \$11,000,000 in annual funding to keep the legislative office accounts funded at the expected participation level. Statewide races will require at least another \$11,000,000 for statewide partisan races. This does not include funding for matching spending by candidates that do not accept the public funding or to match independent expenditures.