



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5488

House of Representatives, April 4, 2002

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The joint standing committee of the
- 2 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
- 3 shall conduct a study of elections statutes and, not later than January 1,
- 4 2003, shall submit a report to the General Assembly on its findings and
- 5 recommendations.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected
GF - None	Legislative Mgmt.; Elect. Enforcement Com.; Secretary of the State

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires Government Administration and Elections Committee to conduct a study of elections statues. As members of the General Assembly are involved, the Joint Committee on Legislative Management may incur a minimal cost. A total cost of less than \$2,000 may result from mileage reimbursement to legislators in traveling to and from study meetings. Legislators are currently reimbursed 36 1/2 cents per mile. Considering that legislators may be traveling to the Capitol on other legislative business, any additional cost due to an increased number of reimbursed trips could be handled within the anticipated budgetary resources of the department.

In addition, as a result of the increased responsibilities to the legislative administrative staff assigned to this study, a reallocation of workload may result, which can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

The Office of the Secretary of the State and the State Elections Enforcement Commission may incur minimal additional costs due to participation in the study, which can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 19 Nay 0