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RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	None	5,000

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to:  
1) eliminate the requirement that electors gather on the day of an election to vote for state officers and state legislators, 2) authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for in-person early voting for state or municipal elections or referenda, and 3) lift certain constitutional deadlines.

The Secretary of the State is anticipated to incur a cost of \$5,000 in FY 21 (for the November 2020 election) for providing posters with the proposed constitutional amendment question and explanation to each polling place in every municipality.

This cost will cover the printing and mailing of the posters. Since all materials required for placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot are supplied by the State, and the vote will occur on the same day as a regularly scheduled statewide election, no costs will be incurred by municipalities.

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***The Out Years***

The cost identified above is one-time. However, the FY 21 cost may be shifted into FY 23 pursuant to the requirements of the constitutional amendment process.