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Title: RANKED-CHOICE PRIMARY ELECTIONS
Sponsor: PARISH
Requester: House Community & Regional Affairs
Department: Office of the Governor
Appropriation: Elections
Allocation: Elections
OMB Component Number: 21

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	337.0		337.0	337.0	337.0	337.0	337.0
Commodities	200.0		50.0				
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	537.0	0.0	387.0	337.0	337.0	337.0	337.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	537.0		387.0	337.0	337.0	337.0	337.0
Total	537.0	0.0	387.0	337.0	337.0	337.0	337.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 6,005.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Under this legislation, the Division would be required to count ballots for all races in the primary election using rank-choice and for special and general elections, count ballots for the races of the Legislature and United States Congress using rank-choice and for the race of Governor and Lt. Governor by majority vote.

In addition, for the period of one full election cycle (24-month period), the division will be required to educate the public and inform voters of the changes due to this legislation. The Division anticipates spending \$200,000 in the first year to conduct outreach to voters with an educational mailer and another \$50,000 in the second year to educate and inform voters on this new voting style through the use of multi-media.

The current tabulation system used by the Division does not accommodate a ranked-choice process for counting ballots. The existing system can only tabulate one-round of candidates. Therefore, to meet the requirements of this legislation, the Division would need to replace our existing tabulation system with a system that would accommodate ranked-choice voting to electronically accumulate election results for multiple rounds of counting.

In 2017, the Division was provided a discussion quote from our current vendor, Dominion Voting Systems to replace our current system with newer equipment using the same precinct based system. The quoted cost for replacement was \$5,755,445. In a follow up conversation with Dominion regarding ranked choice voting, the vendor indicated that this would cost an additional \$250,000 for the ranked choice voting module.

The Division's current annual hardware and license fees amount to \$152,104, with a new system the cost will increase to \$488,930 which is a difference of \$336,826 per year.