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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lundstrom DATE TYPED 2/21/05 HB 560

SHORT TITLE Secretary of State Election Oversight SB _____

ANALYST Medina

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the Election Code

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 560 amends the responsibilities of the Secretary of State to include a requirement that the Secretary of State have the authority to direct the county clerks to carry out the clerk's election duties. The bill further requires that the Secretary of State to direct the county clerks to appoint county supervisors of elections who are to carry out the county clerks' election duties when requested to do so by their county commission.

Significant Issues

The provisions of this bill would require the county governments to budget for the position of county supervisor of elections. The bill does not outline the necessary qualifications for a county supervisor of elections, however, because the county commissions will have to approve the person hired to fill the position, it may be the counties' responsibility to determine the qualifications for the position. In any case, the Secretary of State should be involved in determining the qualifications for this position.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The qualifications for the position of county supervisor of elections should be outlined by the county commissions in cooperation with the Secretary of State

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

The county commissions will not be able to request the appointment of county supervisors of elections.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

What is the value added of a county supervisor of elections?

Would the duties of this new position duplicate or conflict with the duties and responsibilities of the county clerks?

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