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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gentry ORIGINAL DATE 02/13/11
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 377
SHORT TITLE Additional Campaign Report Filings SB _____
ANALYST Aledo

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	\$24.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$26.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 377 amends the Campaign Reporting Act by adding two additional report due dates during non-elections years. The bill requires the submission of reports on the second Monday in January as well as the second Monday in July. The effective date of this legislation would be July 1, 2011.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the Secretary of State's Office the Campaign Finance Information System (CFIS) would need an enhancement to enable users to file two (2) additional reports during non-election years. Based on recent discussions with the vendor, Real Time Sites, it is estimated that such an enhancement will cost approximately \$24,000 with a yearly maintenance cost of \$1 thousand. It would be very difficult for the SOS to absorb this cost in the current fiscal year.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The SOS states the vendor may not be able to produce the enhancement by the effective date called for in the bill.