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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maez ORIGINAL DATE 3/5/15  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 546  
SHORT TITLE Payment of costs for Special Elections SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Jorgensen

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Secretary of State (SOS)

Association of County Clerks (ACC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 546 requires all special elections to be paid for by the state, local government, or special district calling for the election. HB 546 provides that in no case shall a nongovernmental entity pay for or reimburse the state, local government, or special district for the cost of a special election. Additionally, if it is found that a nongovernmental entity paid for a special election, HB 546 directs the district court to nullify the votes cast and void the result of the special election.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications associated with enactment of this legislation.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The ACC strongly supports this legislation.

Neither the SOS nor the ACC noted an instance in which a nongovernmental entity paid for or reimbursed the state, local government, or special district for the costs of a special election.

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