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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 1/29/18

**SPONSOR** Rodella/Garcia MP      **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_      **HB** 152

**SHORT TITLE** Campaign Report Filing Dates      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Chilton

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

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	(Minimal)	(Minimal)	(Minimal)	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 152 makes a single small change in Section 1-19-29 dealing with filing reports prior to elections. Currently, candidates are required to file campaign expenditure reports by 5:00 pm on the second Monday of the October before the general election. Because the second Monday of October is also Columbus Day, a state holiday, election personnel have had to be paid to come into their offices on that holiday to receive the reports. The change, for October only, is to the second Tuesday of October, obviating that problem.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State’s office offers the following explanation of the small beneficial budget effect House Bill 152 would have: “The deadline currently set in statute falls on Columbus Day, a state holiday. Because of the computation of time and deadlines outlined in Section 1-1-22 of the Election Code, the Secretary of State (SOS) does not have the authority to move this deadline to the next business day so a small number of support staff are typically required to work on the holiday to support candidate and political committee efforts to file the required report. By moving the report deadline to a regular business day, the SOS anticipates that the office will experience a small, positive fiscal impact by removing the necessity for staff to accrue comp time or overtime pay for working on a state holiday.”

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

SOS states that “By moving the filing date, this will reduce confusion for reporting individuals, who are accustomed to other deadlines falling “on the next business day” after a deadline, should the deadline fall on a weekend or holiday. This will likely reduce the number of late filings and provide a better scenario for voluntary compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act.”

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

SOS notes that it “will experience minimal administrative implications in order to update reporting schedules, guides, and training material to conform with the change.”

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Candidates would still file reports on Columbus Day and election personnel would need to be paid to receive them.

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