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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: CHANGE DATE OF REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill changes special districts elections to every odd-numbered year. This bill is expected to minimally increase workload in the Department of Local Affairs in FY 2022-23

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, regular special district elections occur on the Tuesday after the first Monday of May in every even-numbered year. This bill changes the years that special district elections are held to odd-numbered years, and changes the term for special district directors to three years for 2020 and 2022; director terms will reset to four year terms in 2023 and 2025.

Background

The Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) provides election resources, technical assistance, and training for special district elections. Special districts are required to file their election results and director oaths, bonds, and appointment documents with the Division of Local Government. There are over 2,200 special districts that must file their election results with DOLA; approximately 10 percent of these require technical assistance from the department.

State Expenditures

This bill shifts election workload from 2024 to 2023, resulting in a shift in election-related workload from even to odd years. For FY 2022-23, workload will increase for the Division of Local Government in DOLA to provide election resources, including forms, technical assistance, and training for special districts for special district elections in 2023. It is expected that this change in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

Workload and costs for special districts may minimally increase to notify residents in the special district of the change in the election date and to submit documents to DOLA. This bill is not expected to increase or decrease the actual election costs for special districts or county clerks and recorders that assist with coordinated elections, other than shifting the year they occur.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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