

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE REVIEW A CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINT THAT ARISES OUT OF A MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE MATTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/22/24.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee Report (03/11/24) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.002/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$253,481 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State for

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JBC Staff Analysis

FY 2024-25. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 3.2 FTE.

L.002 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) requires municipalities to adopt an ordinance permitting the clerk to refer the campaign finance complaint to the Secretary of State for any such complaints to be investigated. The amendment also clarifies the timelines within which a complainant must file the campaign finance complaint. These changes reduce workload requirements for the Department of State and reduce the fiscal impact of the bill by \$82,758 and 1.0 FTE. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree on the fiscal impact of the amendment.

Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$170,723 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State for FY 2024-25. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 2.2 FTE.

If the Committee adopts L.002, it should also adopt J.002, but NOT J.001.

Points to Consider

None.