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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Government Oversight

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Stewart

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- If the General Assembly adopts this joint resolution, the Secretary of State will incur onetime ballot advertising costs related to placing the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution on the May 2023 statewide ballot. These costs will be paid from the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0).

Detailed Analysis

The joint resolution proposes to include a constitutional amendment on the ballot for the general election to be held on May 2, 2023. It amends Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve a constitutional amendment. If the General Assembly adopts the resolution and the issue is placed on the May 2023 statewide ballot, the state would pay for the ballot advertising costs.

The costs for ballot advertising, including explanations and arguments for and against a statewide ballot issue that appear in newsprint, are paid for under the Secretary of State's budget, specifically Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0) line item 050621, Statewide Ballot Advertising. The revenue source for this fund is cash transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) that are authorized by the Controlling Board. The actual advertising costs for placing the proposed constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot would depend on the number of words that need to be included in printed advertising. In FY 2023, the Secretary of State paid approximately \$500,000 in statewide ballot advertising costs related to both State Issue 1 and State Issue 2, which appeared on the November 8, 2022 ballot.