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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Reported by House State and Local Government

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Rulli

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill expands the number of permissible electronic campaign finance statement filings. Filing these statements electronically could reduce administrative costs that county boards of elections incur for processing and forwarding these statements to the Secretary of State.
- Because the Secretary of State currently has procedures in place and retains electronic filings and makes them available to the public, any additional costs from the bill would likely be minimal. Any additional costs incurred would be paid from Fund 5990 appropriation item 050630, Elections Support Supplement.

### Detailed Analysis

The permissive provisions of the bill, if used, would appear to reduce the administrative costs boards of elections would incur for filing and retaining campaign finance statements and forwarding those statements to the Secretary of State. On the state level, the Secretary of State might incur some small additional cost for retaining the additional permitted electronic filings that must be retained and made available to the public by that office.

Specifically, the bill expands the categories of political entities that are permitted to file their campaign finance statements electronically to include candidates for member of the State Board of Education, candidates for local offices, and certain political entities. State Board of Education candidates must file their finance statements with the Secretary of State. Entities related to local races must file with the applicable board of elections. Under the bill, a board of elections that receives an electronic campaign finance statement must transmit that statement to the Secretary of State within five business days after receiving it. Any addendum or amendment to a statement must be transmitted to the Secretary not later than the close of business on the day the board received it.

Overall, the Secretary of State's current procedures for electronic filings would be applied to the new filings permitted under the bill, but there could be some minimal additional administrative cost associated with retaining additional records and making them available to the public. Elections-related expenses are paid from the Business Services Fund (Fund 5990) appropriation item 050630, Elections Support Supplement. Specifically, the bill requires the Secretary of State to prescribe by rule the procedures for filing electronic statements with that office. Presumably, these rules would mirror those that exist for current electronic filing processes for the eight entities that are required to file their finance statements electronically under current law. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to retain these new electronic campaign finance statements and make those statements available to the public in the same manner as current electronically filed statements.