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**S.J.R. 3**  
**134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. O'Brien

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The Secretary of State will incur one-time ballot advertising costs, probably in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The costs are paid for with cash transferred, upon approval of the Controlling Board, from the state's Emergency Purposes Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0), used by the Secretary of State.

### **Detailed Analysis**

S.J.R. 3 proposes to include a constitutional amendment on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 8, 2022. The resolution proposes to enact Section 22 of Article I of the Ohio Constitution to declare that the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife is a valued part of Ohio's heritage and shall be forever preserved for the public good. The resolution specifies that the right is subject only to the laws prescribed by the General Assembly and rules prescribed by virtue of the authority of the General Assembly to promote wildlife conservation and management and preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The state would be responsible for paying for the ballot advertising costs as described in further detail below.

### **Fiscal effect**

If both houses of the General Assembly concur in the resolution, it would increase costs for the Secretary of State (SOS). The SOS would likely incur costs of hundreds of thousands of dollars to include the issue in the statewide general election and for statewide advertising costs to inform voters of the ballot language, including explanations and arguments for and against the issue. The actual advertising costs would depend on the number of words that need to be included. As an example, the SOS paid approximately \$410,000 in FY 2019 in statewide ballot advertising costs related to State Issue 1 on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Any such advertising costs will be paid out of the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0). The revenue source

for this fund is cash transfers authorized by the Controlling Board from the Emergency Purposes Fund (Fund 5KM0). Fund 5KM0 is capitalized by cash transfers from the GRF.