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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Local Government and Elections

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Edwards and Seitz

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 one-time ballot advertising costs related to placing the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution on the November 2022 statewide ballot. The costs are 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 November 8, 2022. It amends Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article X, and Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution to prohibit people who do not meet all of the requirements of being an elector from being able to vote in any state or local election. These requirements include being: (1) a citizen of the United States, (2) 18 years or older in age, (3) a resident of the state, county, township, or ward for such time as may be provided by law, and (4) registered to vote for at least 30 days. If the General Assembly adopts the resolution and the issue is placed on the November 2022 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 Emergency Purposes 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 2019, the Secretary of State paid approximately \$410,000 in statewide ballot advertising costs related to State Issue 1, which appeared on the November 6, 2018 ballot.