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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Energy and Natural Resources

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Ferguson and Santucci

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- If the General Assembly adopts this joint resolution, the Secretary of State (SOS) will incur ballot advertising costs related to placing the proposed changes to the Ohio Constitution on the November 5, 2024 statewide ballot. These costs will be paid from the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0).

Detailed Analysis

The joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to appear on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot. It enacts Section 23 of Article I of the Ohio Constitution to establish a constitutional right to hunt and fish. Current law requires a simple majority for passage.

Should the General Assembly adopt the resolution and the issue is placed on the November 5, 2024 statewide ballot, the state would pay the ballot advertising costs. The costs for ballot advertising, including explanations and arguments for and against a statewide ballot issue, are paid for under the Secretary of State's budget, specifically Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0) line item 050621, Statewide Ballot Advertising. Fund 5FH0 receives cash transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0). The actual advertising cost for placing the proposed constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot depends on the length of the ballot measure, which is required to be included in printed advertising. In FY 2023, the Secretary of State paid approximately \$322,000 in statewide ballot advertising costs related to State Issue 1, which appeared on the August 8, 2023 ballot. In FY 2024, the Secretary of State requested nearly \$380,000, the estimated amount needed to cover statewide ballot advertising costs related to both State Issue 1 and State Issue 2, which appeared on the November 7, 2023 ballot. The total advertising costs for these two issues has not been certified as of this writing.