## FINANCIAL IMPACT ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

## INITIATIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION STATEMENT SUMMARY

## All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet (19-07)

Based on a survey of the county supervisors of elections in Florida conducted by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference, it is probable that the proposed amendment will result in additional local government costs to conduct elections. The Conference projects that these costs will range from \$5.2 million to \$5.8 million for each of the first three election cycles occurring in even-numbered years after the amendment's effective date, with the costs for each of the intermediate years dropping to less than \$450,000. The expected costs for individual counties varied among the respondents to the survey. Some expected no additional costs, while the county with the largest number of registered voters (Miami-Dade) projected nearly \$680,000 in additional costs per even-numbered election cycle. While some supervisors of elections identified the potential for savings from new efficiencies, the Conference could not quantify the amount. To the extent that any savings materialize, they would reduce or eliminate additional costs. At the state level, the additional costs for administering elections are expected to be minimal. There are no state or local government revenues linked to voting in Florida.

Since there is no impact on state costs or revenues, there will be no impact on the state's budget. While the proposed amendment will result in an increase in local expenditures, this change is expected to be below the threshold that would produce a statewide economic impact.