

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 259

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund Sponsor: Representative Debbie Wood

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House Bill 259 as introduced would increase election expenses of the judges of probate, funded from federal or state funds made available for use by the Comptroller, by an estimated minimum of \$35,000 per day, cumulatively, to conduct post-election audits, not to exceed fourteen days, of at least one precinct in the county after each county and statewide general election, as required by this bill.

This bill would also increase the administrative obligations of the Secretary of State to post the audit results to the Secretary's website, report the findings to the Governor and Legislature, and adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this bill.