

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 259

Committee: Finance and Taxation General Fund Sponsor: Representative Debbie Wood

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House Bill 259 as reported by the Committee on Finance and Taxation General Fund would increase election expenses of the judges of probate to be fully reimbursed by the Comptroller, by an estimated minimum of \$35,000 per day, cumulatively, to conduct post-election audits within thirty days of commencement in 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.