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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 20

SHORT TITLE: Electoral College Conformance

SPONSOR(S): Senators: Gunter, Gulley, Lee, and Marshall

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact (X)
 No Estimate Available ()

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: This act amends the statute relating to the electoral college to conform it to federal requirements and state law. This is accomplished by making the Secretary of State responsible for the following: 1) making the actual arrangements for the meeting, preparing the agenda, and inviting guests for the casting of votes of the electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America, in order for the Governor to proclaim the results. The bill further defines how alternate electors will be chosen to fill vacancies created in case of absences, ineligibilities or resignations of any elector. The State convention of each party and the unaffiliated candidate shall each nominate two alternate electors who shall serve if their slate is elected.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:

The Office of Secretary of State

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EXPENDITURES					
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REVENUES/RECEIPTS					
RECURRING					
NON-RECURRING					

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The assumptions are as follows: 1) the Secretary of State presently carries out the responsibilities as set forth in the amended statute, 2) The monies needed to produce either the three duplicate original certificates (naming the electors and the results of the popular vote) or one original and two authenticated

copies can be paid out of funds already appropriated for publications and 3) The changes in the travel reimbursements will not impact the Office of the Secretary of State since travel funds for electors are paid out of the Governor's Office's budget. The impact on the Governor's Office's budget is estimated to be an increase of four cents (4 cents) per mile. Previous reimbursible mileage was 3300 miles therefore 4 cents additional would mean about \$132.00 additional dollars.

SOURCES OF DATA: Secretary of State, Office of State Budget and Management, and North Carolina Board of Elections

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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