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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6583
BILL NUMBER: SB 206

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2011
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Early Voting.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Breaux
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a county election board (CEB) to adopt a resolution by the majority vote of the board's entire membership in order to establish satellite locations for early voting. (Currently, a resolution to establish satellite voting locations must be adopted unanimously by the CEB.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* The provision could increase the number of satellite locations established during an election. Any increase in satellite locations would depend on local action taken by a county election board. The additional cost to establish satellites is indeterminable and would depend on the total number adopted and the available resources within a county establishing them.

Background Information- Under current law, if a resolution to establish satellite offices is adopted for a primary election, the satellite(s) must be used for the following general or municipal election. Satellite locations would have to be staffed by a traveling election board. Additional absentee ballots would need to be made available at the satellite site. Personnel and ballots could raise expenditures to the election board if additional temporary personnel had to be hired and more absentee ballots had to be printed. Additional costs could include location rent, if a location were not able to be obtained rent free.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources:

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