
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The resolution proposes to include a constitutional amendment on the November 2, 2010 ballot. The constitutional amendment proposes to change Section 6 of Article XV of the Constitution of the state of Ohio to authorize the state lottery to be operated by a private entity and to authorize the net profit of the state lottery to be used for scholarships for Ohio residents who are students at institutions of higher education located in Ohio in addition to the current use of the net profit for the support of elementary, secondary, vocational, and special education programs. The resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the state, and potentially a small direct fiscal effect on local governments.

Ballot costs

If both houses of the General Assembly concur in the resolution, the Secretary of State would incur costs for ballot advertising under Article XVI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, which requires that notice of ballot questions be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each Ohio county. The Secretary of State spent \$567,095 in ballot advertising costs for the three statewide issues that appeared on the November 2009 ballot. Statewide advertising costs for S.J.R. 9, because it calls for just one ballot issue, would likely be considerably less. Any such advertising costs will be paid out of the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0). The revenue source for this fund is GRF transfers from the Controlling Board. On the local level, since November 2, 2010 is a regularly scheduled election date, county boards of elections could incur some small additional expense to put this item on the ballot.