



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.J.R. 11 of the 128th G.A.

Date: November 9, 2010

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sens. Grendell and Seitz

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — Not required for joint resolutions

Contents: Requires that an appointment by the Governor to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court be made with the advice and consent of the Senate

State Fiscal Highlights

- If both houses of the General Assembly concur in the resolution, the Secretary of State will incur a one-time non-GRF expense of up to \$200,000 or more to advertise the ballot issue statewide, with that expense then being reimbursed by the Controlling Board's transfer of cash from GRF line item 911441, Ballot Advertising Costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- County boards of elections will incur a minimal one-time expense to incorporate the proposed constitutional provisions into printed ballots and voting systems/machines.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Ballot advertising costs

If both houses of the General Assembly concur in the resolution, the Secretary of State will incur a one-time statewide ballot advertising cost of up to \$200,000 or more. Additionally, county boards of elections will incur a minimal one-time expense to incorporate the ballot issue into printed ballots, "punch card" voting systems, and computerized voting machines.

Under Article XVI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, it is required 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 statewide advertising costs for the three issues that appeared on the November 2009 ballot. Statewide advertising costs for this resolution (S.J.R. 11), because it involves a single ballot issue, would likely be considerably less. Moneys to pay for these costs are appropriated from the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0), which is administered by the Secretary of State. Typically, Fund 5FH0 is reimbursed by the Controlling Board's transfer of cash from GRF line item 911441, Ballot Advertising Costs.

Judicial vacancy on the Supreme Court

If approved by the voters, the amending of the Ohio Constitution to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court subject to the advice and consent of the Senate will have no direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.