



## FISCAL NOTE

### House Bill 486

Committee: Judiciary

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**House Bill 486** as introduced could increase the obligations of the State General Fund for election expenses by (1) an estimated \$668,325 for poll worker compensation for each election where an advanced voting period is authorized; and (2) an undetermined amount for costs of publicizing information regarding the early voting centers.

This bill could further increase the obligations of the State General Fund to compensate the five-member of the Alabama Voting Rights Commission, created by this bill, who would be compensated at an hourly rate ranging between \$33.18 to \$75.24. Additionally, this bill establishes the Voter Education Fund to be used by the Commission into the State Treasury to fund the operations of the commission.

This bill could also increase the expenditures of the various counties, which may be reimbursed wholly or in part from the State General Fund, by an undetermined amount dependent on the number of absentee ballots requested and cast that otherwise would not have been permitted to be cast. According to the Secretary of State's office, approximately 126,055 absentee ballots were cast in the 2024 General Election.

Lastly, this bill could further increase the administrative obligations of the Secretary of State's office by an undetermined amount to establish a database to assist in the administration of elections and to publicize certain information relating to voting.