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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6213

BILL NUMBER: SB 225

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 11, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Apr 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Appointment of Delegates to Article V Convention.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Long

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Bosma

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for the appointment of delegates and alternate delegates by the General Assembly to a convention called for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States called for by the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States. The bill also establishes the qualifications of delegates and alternate delegates.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Appointment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates:* There should not be any additional cost associated with the General Assembly appointing delegates and alternate delegates to an Article V Convention if the General Assembly is still in session. If the Governor calls for a special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of making appointments, then there would be additional state expenditures. The following table provides estimates for a one-day special session.

Estimated Expenditures for One Day of Special Session	
Per Diem*	\$13,680
Travel**	\$14,894
Total***	\$28,574
<p>* Effective 10/1/12, legislators receive \$152 per diem for every day in session (including Saturday and Sunday) and \$60.80 per diem for every day not in session. The net effect on state expenditures is an additional \$91.20 per diem for every day in special session.</p> <p>** Legislators are entitled to mileage for one round trip per week while in session.</p> <p>*** The House and Senate would also incur an unknown minor amount of expense for temporary session staff (doorkeepers and other temporary staff).</p>	

Delegate and Alternate Delegate Expenses: This bill provides that delegates and alternate delegates are entitled to receive the same mileage and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative members of interim study committees. Currently, per diem is \$152 and mileage is reimbursed at \$0.55 per mile. Expenses for delegates will depend upon the number of delegates appointed.

Expenses for delegates and alternate delegates will be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Services Agency. The Legislative Council and the Legislative Services Agency were appropriated about \$12.6 M for FY 2012 and about \$13.1 M for FY 2013.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: General Assembly.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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