### NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NUMBER**: HB 1492 (PCS)

**SHORT TITLE**: Election Supervisor Salary Study

**SPONSOR(S)**: Representative Buchanan

### FISCAL IMPACT

Yes (X) No ( ) No Estimate Available ( )

<u>FY 1999-00</u> <u>FY 2000-01</u> <u>FY 2001-02</u> <u>FY 2002-03</u> <u>FY 2003-04</u>

**REVENUES** 

**EXPENDITURES** \$6,982\* \$12,464\* \$6,982\* \$12,464\*

**POSITIONS:** 

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED**: NC General Assembly

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: When the bill becomes law.

\* The estimate per year assumes quarterly meetings. Each additional meeting would increase the total cost by \$2,741 per meeting.

**BILL SUMMARY**: S.L. 1999-426 raised the minimum salary of county supervisors of elections, without providing funding for local governments to meet this mandate. Therefore, this legislation directs the Legislative Research Commission to study the issue of minimum salaries of county supervisors of elections, and specifically examine whether to recommend that the State assume funding for such positions as has been done for clerks of court.

#### ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Legislative Research Commissions (LRC) are composed of ten (10) members, generally legislators, who are appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House. However, it is not uncommon for non-legislators to serve on Commissions. This estimate will assume that all appointees will be legislators. It is anticipated that the LRC would meet for

a full day at least quarterly, and have a 100% attendance rate. The schedule would require two (2) meetings during the even-numbered years with the possibility of a third meeting in January prior to the convening of the Long Session; and four (4) meetings in the odd-numbered years. The estimated cost for quarterly meetings in even-numbered years is \$6,982, and if there were a third meeting the cost would be \$9,723; and in odd-numbered years the cost would be \$12,464. If the Commission has additional meetings, the estimated cost would increase by \$2,741 per meeting.

# **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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