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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Workman and Bird

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- If the General Assembly adopts this joint resolution, the Secretary of State will incur ballot advertising costs related to placing the proposed changes to the Ohio Constitution on the statewide ballot for the November 3, 2026 general election. These costs will be paid from the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0).

Detailed Analysis

The joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to appear on the statewide November 3, 2026 general election ballot. It enacts Section 5 of Article V of the Ohio Constitution requiring identification to vote.

Should the General Assembly adopt the resolution and the issue be placed on the statewide ballot, the state would pay the ballot advertising costs. The costs for ballot advertising, including explanations and arguments for and against a statewide ballot issue, are paid for under the Secretary of State's (SOS) budget, specifically Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0) line item 050621, Statewide Ballot Advertising. Fund 5FH0 receives cash transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0).

The actual advertising cost for placing the proposed constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot depends on the length of the ballot measure, explanations, and arguments for and against, all of which must be included in printed advertising. In FY 2025, the SOS paid approximately \$405,000 in statewide ballot advertising costs for State Issue 1, which appeared on the November 5, 2024 ballot and nearly \$358,000 for State Issue 2, which appeared on the May 6, 2025 ballot.