Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 1761 **Patron:** Simon
Bill Title: Public campaign financing; counties and cities may establish for certain offices.

Bill Summary: Authorizes the governing body of a county or city to establish by ordinance a system of public campaign financing for elected local offices. The bill specifies certain requirements for a system of public campaign financing established by a governing body, including the provision of a public election fund to be administered by the treasurer of the county or city. A system of public campaign financing established by a county or city is permitted to more stringently regulate the campaign finance activity of participating candidates and shall be subject to regulation and oversight by the State Board of Elections to ensure its conformity with state law and policy to the extent practicable.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 77
Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
The Department of Elections	-	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: The fiscal impact to the state may be indeterminate due to the provisions outlined in this bill. The proposed legislation allows the governing body of a county or city to establish, through ordinance, a system of public campaign financing for local elected offices. Additionally, the bill mandates that the State Board of Elections ensure that any such system created adheres to state laws and policies.

The impact on the Department of Elections will depend on the regulations and oversight set forth by the State Board of Elections. This could necessitate updates to training, as well as adjustments to systems, processes, and guidance, in order to ensure accurate reporting. The extent of the state's fiscal impact will also be influenced by how many counties or cities decide to implement a system of local public campaign financing.

Other: N/A