

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

<b>BILL #:</b>	HB 7045	<b>FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:</b>	
<b>SPONSOR(S):</b>	Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee and Hooper	115 Y's	0 N's
<b>COMPANION BILLS:</b>	(SB 210)	<b>GOVERNOR'S ACTION:</b>	Approved

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

HB 7045 passed the House on March 22, 2013, as SB 210. The bill recreates the Clearing Funds Trust Fund within the Department of State which would otherwise expire on July 1, 2014. It recreates the trust fund without modification, providing for the continuation of the current purpose and uses of the fund. This trust fund serves as a depository of candidate filing fees, notary surcharges, campaign finance contributions, elections assessments, and cable franchise fees. The bill also repeals the provision for the scheduled termination of the trust fund.

The bill has no fiscal impact.

The bill was approved by the Governor on April 10, 2013, chapter 2013-8, L.O.F., and will become effective July 1, 2013.

## I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

### A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution requires that all newly created trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless recreated. This provision also requires that trust funds be created or recreated by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating or recreating that trust fund.

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## II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:  
See fiscal comments.
2. Expenditures:  
See fiscal comments.

### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:  
None.
2. Expenditures:  
None.

### C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

### D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply recreates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.