



**150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REVISED FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 175
AS AMENDED BY: HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 3
SPONSOR: Representative Brady
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VOTING BY MAIL.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act requires the State Elections Commission to establish procedures for voting by mail.
3. This Act allows qualified voters to vote by mail in primary, general, and special federal elections. In each of the last three elections, there were approximately 20,000 of the total number of votes made by absentee ballot. The Department of Elections estimates that this year, an additional 5,000 voters, or a 25% increase in the number of absentee voters, would take advantage of voting by mail. In 2021, an additional 10,000 voters, or a 50% increase could be expected, and in 2022, an additional 20,000 voters, or a 100% increase could be expected.
4. Printing, processing, and postage for the increase in ballots is \$3.00 per ballot. Additional costs including casual/seasonal staff and equipment necessary to process those ballots upon return would be approximately \$5,000 per year.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2020:	\$20,000
Fiscal Year 2021:	\$35,000
Fiscal Year 2022:	\$60,000

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