149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 27**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Townsend**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act would become effective upon enactment by the General Assembly and following the next decennial census.
2. This Act would establish an Independent Redistricting Commission made up of nine Commission members with three of whom being current or former attorneys or former judges, and six of whom being Delaware citizens.
3. This Act specifies that the operations of the Commission shall be funded by the General Assembly, including staffing and other resources as required.
4. This Act would have an estimated fiscal impact of $339,777 in Fiscal Year 2021 *(in current dollars)*. The estimated costs consist of the following:
    a. Compensation for 9 Commissioners at $150 per working day (110 days) totals approximately $162,177 with Other Employments Costs (OECs) included.
    b. Two contractual management/administration staff to be assigned to the Commission, equivalent to a pay grade 16, totaling approximately $105,000 with Other Employment Costs (OECs) for one year.
    c. Costs associated with additional attorney services for one or more attorneys totals approximately $50,000.
    d. Costs associated with equipment needed such as computers, phones and other office supplies totals approximately $17,600.
    e. Additional operational costs for items such as advertisements in newspapers, publishing, travel, website creation and maintenance totals approximately $5,000.
5. The following costs and assumptions are not included in the estimated total cost:
    a. It is assumed that space will be provided in a State of Delaware owned office building with pre-existing network and telecommunication connections.
    b. It is assumed that the judicial panel consisting of the Chancellor of the State of Delaware and the selected Superior Court Judge will meet the staffing requirements of this Act within their current workload.
    c. It is assumed that Legislative Information Systems (LIS) staff and State Elections officials will work together and utilize existing computer software and experienced personnel including existing costs for 1 plotter ($6,225) and a Maptitude software license or similar software ($26,250) as these costs would exist without the proposed legislation.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2019:	$0
Fiscal Year 2020:	$0
Fiscal Year 2021:	$339,777

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