

151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 320

SPONSOR: Senator Gay

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO

ELECTIONS.

Assumptions:

1. Upon signature by the Governor, this Act takes effect July 1, 2022.

- 2. This Act establishes procedures for voting by mail by requiring the Department of Elections (Elections) to create an application for voters wishing to vote by mail in the following elections:
 - a. A non-presidential primary election.
 - b. A general election.
 - c. A special election to fill a vacancy in a statewide office, the General Assembly, or an office covered under Title 15, Chapter 73.
- 3. Upon implementation of this Act, Elections estimates that requests for mail-in ballots in the following amounts:

a. Primary election: 10,000b. General election: 25,000

- 4. Per Elections, printing, processing, and postage for mail ballots is \$3.00 per ballot. Additional costs including temporary staff and equipment necessary to process those ballots upon return are estimated at approximately \$25,000 per year.
- 5. Costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

General Fund

Fiscal Year 2023: \$130,000 **Fiscal Year 2024:** \$0

Fiscal Year 2025: \$132,600

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