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: 10,000
   b. 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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