



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 292
SPONSOR: Representative Morrison
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REVIEW OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon the signature of the Governor.
2. This Act requires the Department of Elections (Department) to:
 - a. Within 60 days of filing, review all candidates' political committee contribution and expense reports for any contribution or expense violation.
 - b. Note the report on the Department's website as either "submitted but not reviewed" or "reviewed and final."
3. This Act applies to all contribution and expense reports submitted after February 1, 2025.
4. To implement the provisions of this Act, the Department anticipates the need for additional staff to complete the requirements. Recurring costs are estimated at \$130,268, and one-time costs are estimated at \$14,000 and are as follows:
 - a. Recurring Costs: - \$130,268
 - i. \$127,568 in the Fiscal Year 2025 Personnel Costs, including Other Employment Costs (OECs) at a rate of 32.25%, for 2.0 FTE Administrative Specialist II positions.
 - ii. \$2,700 for ongoing supplies, telephone, and software needs.
 - b. One-Time Costs - \$14,000
 - i. One-time costs of \$14,000 for computer equipment, office cubicles, and furniture startup costs for new positions.
5. Fiscal Year 2025 personnel costs have been estimated for six months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining six months incorporated into subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for project increases in salary, health insurance, and OECs annually.

Cost:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$66,484	\$14,000
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$132,819	
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$135,421	

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