153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 126**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Buckson**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VOTING LOCATION.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act allows voters in primary and general elections to vote at any polling place in their county of residence.
3. After a general or special election, the Board of Canvass is convened to audit general election poll data related to the Superior Court's (the Court) role in certifying elections and other duties imposed by Del. Const. Art. V § 6 and 15 Del. C. c. 57. One of the primary duties is auditing voting machine recording tapes for each election district.
4. The Court projects that this Act would significantly increase its reconciliation efforts associated with having to review and audit voting machine recording tapes, and other related media, by having to cross reference registration data among the election districts since this Act would allow registered voters to potentially vote in a polling place outside of their designated election district in a general election.
5. For the past few years, particularly during the fiscal years in which a general election occurs, the One-Time Supplemental Appropriations Act or the Annual Appropriations Act has provided one-time funding to the Board of Canvass for the contractual staff time, security costs, and other needs to perform its duties.
    a. The Court projects that, due to the increased reconciliation efforts as referenced in assumption four, if this Act were to pass, the costs for the Board of Canvass to perform its duties would increase to approximately $160,000 to audit and certify the results of the general election that occurs during Fiscal Year 2027 (November 2026). Since no general election occurs during Fiscal Year 2026 or Fiscal Year 2028, no costs are projected.

Cost:

	One-Time
Fiscal Year 2026:	-
Fiscal Year 2027:	$160,000
Fiscal Year 2028:	-

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