

153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 183

SPONSOR: Representative Gorman

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

ELECTIONS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Assumptions:

1. This becomes effective upon signature of the Governor.

- 2. This Act revises the special elections process for vacancies in the General Assembly by allowing for special primary elections.
- 3. This Act includes safeguards to avoid holding elections too close together to be feasible for the Department of Elections (Department) and holding multiple elections for the same office within a few months.
- 4. The Department estimates that the costs to hold a primary special election, with 10 days of early voting are \$196,000 including staff time, polling location costs, security, fleet, and supply costs.
- 5. Because it is unknown whether special elections will occur, the fiscal impact per fiscal year is indeterminable.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2026: Indeterminable Indeterminable Fiscal Year 2028: Indeterminable

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