



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**BILL:** HOUSE BILL NO. 344  
**SPONSOR:** Representative Morrison  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 15 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor. Upon signature, this Act takes effect on July 1, 2027.
2. This Act clarifies and streamlines the disclosure and enforcement provisions of Delaware’s Campaign Finance laws, including the following:
  - a. Requires a political candidate to report the name and contact information of the treasurer to the State Elections Commissioner (Commissioner) upon formation of the candidate committee.
  - b. Requires a political committee to submit written documentation of all loans provided to the committee.
  - c. Requires political committees to retain records for 5 years.
  - d. Requires the Commissioner to provide the Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust with a monthly list of alleged violations of campaign finance laws and further clarifies that the Division investigate and prosecute violations of campaign finance laws.
  - e. Requires the Commissioner to provide biennial training on campaign finance laws to candidates and the candidate committee’s treasurer.
3. The Department of Elections anticipates that it would require significant programmatic and system upgrades to its Civix Campaign Finance Reporting System for compliance with the provisions of this Act.
  - a. The Department estimates a one-time cost of \$1,178,800 for system upgrade and implementation.
  - b. The Department estimates there will be a recurring annual operating cost for annual licensing and maintenance fees, however, are unknown at the time of this fiscal projection.

**Cost:**

	<b>One-Time</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2027:</b>	\$1,178,800	Unknown
<b>Fiscal Year 2028:</b>		Unknown
<b>Fiscal Year 2029:</b>		Unknown

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