153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 264**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Brown**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act takes effect upon final adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment in accordance with Del. Const. art. XVI, §1, following passage by the 153rd General Assembly and the subsequent General Assembly.

2. This Act amends the Delaware Constitution relating to filling a vacancy in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. For purposes of this fiscal projection, it is assumed that the passage of a subsequent constitutional amendment referred to in assumption one may occur sometime during the first half of the 154th General Assembly, resulting in this Act becoming effective between January and June 2027, during Fiscal Year 2027.

3. This Act, similar to the process of holding a special election for a vacancy for a member of the General Assembly, provides for a special election process for holding a special election for a vacancy for the office of the Lieutenant Governor.

4. The Department of Elections estimates that, based on the actual costs of recent elections, upon implementation, the cost of a statewide special election, including 10 days of early voting, is approximately $5,825,000, including staff time, polling location costs, security, fleet, and supply costs.

5. Because it is unknown whether special elections for the office of the Lieutenant Governor will be necessary, the fiscal impact per fiscal year is indeterminable.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2027: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2028: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2029: Indeterminable

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