



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

PRINTERS NO. 2925

PRIME SPONSOR: Gabler

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	\$0
County Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Election Code to designate the minimum number of signatures that candidates for school director must collect on nomination petitions in order to be placed on a primary ballot; eliminate the requirement that paper ballots include detachable stubs; and require polling places with optical scan systems to be equipped with supplies that allow the ballots to be scanned in secret. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 912.1 of the Election Code, relating to the number of signers required for nomination petitions of candidates at primaries. The legislation adds "School director" to the list of various elective offices, and establishes that a candidate for school director shall obtain 10 signatures in order to be placed as a candidate on a primary ballot.

The legislation also provides that a county board of elections that utilizes paper optical scan voting systems must provide each election district with supplies necessary to ensure that voters may insert their ballots into the automatic tabulating equipment in secret and requires that the Secretary establish standards for this process.

This legislation eliminates the requirement that paper ballots used in optical scan voting systems must include numbered, detachable stubs.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or county funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.