



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2502

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PRIME SPONSOR: Mihalek

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Amends the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Section relating to Report on Implementation of the 2020 General Primary Election. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Code to add Section 815, which provides that no later than 60 days after the 2020 general primary election, the Department of State shall issue a report to the Chair and the Minority Chair of the State Government Committee of the Senate and to the Chair and the Minority Chair of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives. A copy of the report shall also be made available on the Department of State's publicly accessible Internet website.

The report shall include, relating to the administration to the 2020 general primary election by the Department of State, a county board of elections or registration commission:

- 1) The number of applications for an absentee ballot which were received by the county board of elections.
- 2) The number of applications for a mail-in ballot which were received by the county board of elections.
- 3) The number of applications for an absentee ballot which were approved by the county board of elections.
- 4) The number of applications for a mail-in ballot which were approved by the county board of elections.
- 5) The number of absentee ballots which were voted by the electors.
- 6) Then number of mail-in ballots which were voted by the electors.
- 7) The number of qualified electors voting by a provisional ballot.

- 8) The number of applications for an absentee ballot by an individual who was not a registered elector at the time of the application and for whom a voter registration application was timely received after the application for an absentee ballot was received.
- 9) The number of applications for a mail-in ballot by an individual who was not a registered elector at the time of the application and for whom a voter registration application was timely received.
- 10) The number of voter registration applications which were received:
 - Fewer than 30 days before the 2020 general primary election.
 - Fewer than 15 days before the 2020 general primary election.
- 11) The number of election officers appointed.
- 12) The number of consolidated polling places.
- 13) The number of consolidated polling places which required approval of the Department of State.
- 14) The number of permissible polling places.
- 15) The number of polling places in school buildings.
- 16) The number of absentee ballots which were challenged.
- 17) The number of mail-in ballots which were challenged.
- 18) The number of absentee ballots subject to challenges which were not canvassed.
- 19) The number of mail-in ballots subject to challenges which were not canvassed.
- 20) For each county, the date and time that the county board of elections began pre-canvassing absentee ballots and mail-in ballots.
- 21) For each county, the date and time that the county board of elections began canvassing absentee ballots and mail-in ballots.
- 22) The number of incidents known to the Department of State, the county board of elections or registration commission relating to each of the following categories:
 - An absentee ballot or mail-in ballot which was sent to the wrong individual or wrong address.
 - An absentee ballot or mail-in ballot which was voted by an individual other than the individual who applied for the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot.
- 23) An absentee ballot or mail-in ballot which was returned to the county board of elections by a means other than the elector sending the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot by mail or delivery in person.
- 24) To the extent consistent with Federal and State law, a review of any action taken by the Department of State, county board of elections or registration commission in response to the above incidents, including determinations made on the incident, legal actions filed, and referrals to law enforcement.
- 25) A review of issues or incidents encountered with an electronic voting system that received the approval of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, including any technical issues encountered in polling places.

The Department of State shall develop a process to collect data required to be included in the report from each county board of elections or registration commission as applicable. A county board of elections or registration commission shall comply with the process for submission of data no later than forty-five days after the 2020 general primary election under Article XVIII-B of the Pennsylvania Election Code.

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.