

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1052

**PRINTER NO.** 1762

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

November 10, 2015

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Stefano

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1052 amends Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require the Department of State (DOS) to develop a secure online system for military voters overseas to return their absentee ballots electronically.

The online system shall be operational by January 1, 2017.

This act takes effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

DOS may be able to modify the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) systems to accept electronic votes. DOS will need to upgrade various interconnected elements and portals of the SURE systems in order to adequately manage the return ballots. They estimate that the costs associated with the implementation of an electronic transmission system may exceed \$500,000. DOS estimates annual maintenance costs of approximately \$370,000.

These costs can be absorbed by DOS using the current fiscal resources available including federal Help American Vote (HAVA) funds. There is a current balance of approximately \$11 million in the HAVA restricted account.