

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 300

PRINTER NO. 1011

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 19, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Scarnati

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 300 amends the Election Code to allow for electors not enrolled as a member of a political party to participate in primary elections.

This bill defines "unenrolled elector" as a registered voter within an election district but having selected "None" or "No Affiliation" in regard to a political party on their voter registration application. It also establishes a process by which unenrolled electors may participate in primary elections.

The legislation provides for a process by which an unenrolled elector may choose to vote in the primary of either political party. The selection shall have no bearing on the elector's selection in subsequent primary elections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 300 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Counties could realize additional costs in the operation of primary elections due to existing ballot printing requirements and the need to ensure there are sufficient ballots for unenrolled voters.