

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 422

PRINTER NO. 399

AMOUNT

\$217,000

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 12, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Vogel

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 422 amend the Election Code (code) by adding Article XIII-D that provides for the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board.

This bill establishes the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board within the Department of State (department). Members of the board will include:

- The Secretary of State;
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- The Minority Leader of the Senate;
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- One member from each congressional district of which no more than half may be from the same political party, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and include a member advocating for individuals with disabilities, advocating for voting rights, and representing county commissioners or election officials.

Senate Bill 422 establishes the duties of the board to include study of the Election Code and to produce a report each year on their findings and make recommendations on amendment to the code to improve the electoral process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The department believes that to accommodate the requirements of the legislation, it will incur a \$217,000 cost for staffing and operations. The department sites the scope and breath of the commission's duties as the reason for additional staff. Necessary expenses for commission members would be accommodated within the department's cost estimate. Assuming mileage and per diem for 23 members, costs are estimated to be \$8,000 per meeting.