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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In House Government Oversight

Primary Sponsors: Sens. McColley and Gavarone **Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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The bill makes two changes pertaining to the deadlines for political parties to certify a nominee to the Secretary of State for President and Vice-President. First, with respect to the 2024 general election, uncodified law in the bill delays the deadline for a major political party to certify its candidates. Secondly, the bill modifies the certification deadline for future presidential elections by changing the deadline from the 90th day before the general election to the 74th day before the general election.

These procedural changes would not impact the number of candidates on the ballot, nor delay the preparation of ballots for a presidential election. Therefore, it appears these changes have no direct fiscal impact on neither the Secretary of State, nor county boards of elections.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill removes a provision that expands the conditions under which an August special election may be held to include a statewide vote on a proposed constitutional amendment if authorized by a joint resolution of the General Assembly. Previously under the bill, the state would be responsible for covering the cost of such a special election.

Additionally, the substitute bill removes an appropriation of \$20.0 million in FY 2023 and subsequent reappropriation in FY 2024 under BOE Reimbursement and Education Fund (Fund 5FG0) appropriation line item 050620, BOE Reimbursement and Education, to compensate county boards of elections for the costs they incurred for conducting the August 8, 2023 special election. Supplemental funding to county boards of elections for the August 8, 2023 special election was provided in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.

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