SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 418 PRINTER NO. 1014

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED PRIME SPONSOR

March 19, 2019 Senator Stefano

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 418 amends the Election Code to change the number of printed ballots required.

This bill would remove the requirement that each polling place must have a total number of ballots equaling 110% of total number of electors registered.

Senate Bill 418 would require a minimum of at least 10% more printed ballots than total ballots cast in any of the past three elections of similar type.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 418 would have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation should result in reduced costs to counties that utilize any voting system technology that requires a pre-printed ballot to be filled out by electors and scanned. Due to the Department of State's 2018 directive, counties are in the process of upgrading the voting system technology, and the number of counties that utilize a system that requires preprinted ballots is currently unofficial. Therefore, we are unable to determine the number of counties that could realize savings as a result of this legislation.