



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 982

PRINTERS NO. 1264

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

AS AMENDED BY: A05384

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"
County Funds	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: SB 982, as amended by A05384, amends the Pennsylvania Election Code to prohibit county boards of elections and the Secretary of the Commonwealth from accepting any private donation or contribution for the administration of elections. This legislation would take effect in 90 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds a duty to the powers and duties of the county boards of elections and of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. This additional duty would require these entities to decline to accept any private donation or contribution for the purposes of operating elections, employing staff or selecting and equipping a polling place or for use in voter education or outreach.

FISCAL IMPACT: The legislation would remove the ability of the Commonwealth or counties to receive private donations or contributions for the purposes of operating elections, employing staff or selecting and equipping a polling place or for use in voter education or outreach. During the 2020 General Election, several counties along with the Department of State received funding from private organizations to assist with the administration of the election. However, it is unknown if such private organizations would have provided financial assistance again for the 2022 election without this legislation.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.