

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 421

**PRINTER NO.** 1015

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 25, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Boscola

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 421 amends the Election Code to remove the option of straight party ticket voting.

This bill removes the requirements that all voting processes allow for an elector to cast a ballot utilizing straight party ticket voting. It also changes the layout of official ballots to remove the straight party voting option.

This act shall apply to elections held on or after January 1, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 421 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The cost to counties that have yet to purchase their new voting system technology may be different from originally quoted costs as a result of this change. Pennsylvania is unique in its requirements for voting systems technology capability under to current law. This change would put the Commonwealth in line with a majority of other states and may allow voting system technology vendors to adjust prices accordingly.