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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Garnett; Neville
Sen. Fenberg; Holbert

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **BALLOT ACCESS MODIFICATIONS PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	**No fiscal impact.** The bill extends various deadlines related to ballot access requirements in 2020. The bill also allows for additional flexibility for political party procedures due to public health concerns. It has no fiscal impact on state or local government.
Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Due to public health concerns, the bill extends various political party and state deadlines for the 2020 election, including:

- an extension for party and county assemblies to occur;
- an extension for the central committee of each political party to file certificates of designation with the Secretary of State; and
- an extension for the Secretary of State to deliver the certificate of the ballot to county clerks.

The bill allows for additional flexibility by political parties with respect to remote participation, quorum requirements, and proxy votes for assemblies or vacancy committees. Additionally, the ability of the state chair of a political party to fill a vacancy is extended to situations in which the vacancy occurs because the designation was not filled by the assembly or the vacancy committee.

The provisions included in the bill are repealed on December 31, 2020.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Temporarily extending deadlines and adjusting procedures for political party will not affect expenditures or revenue for any state or local government agency. Therefore, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 16, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties   County Clerks   Secretary of State