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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 424 (Senator Madden)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Elections - Campaign Finance - Slates

This bill specifies that a slate is required to file a report of contributions and expenditures to the State Board of Elections if it expends \$51 or more to aid or oppose the nomination or election of any candidate. The bill also limits the transfer of money between and among a slate and its candidate members to \$6,000 during a four-year election cycle.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Limiting the amount of money that may be transferred by a slate would not affect the State Board of Elections' operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A slate is considered to be a political committee and is required to file campaign finance reports with the State Board of Elections. Slates are currently exempt from limits on the transfer of money between and among its candidate members.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: An identical bill, SB 559, was introduced in 1999 and received an unfavorable report from the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Cross File: None.

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