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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 116 (Delegate Glassman)
 Ways and Means

Election Law - Reporting of Slate Expenditures

This bill requires a campaign finance entity representing a slate of candidates to include, for each expenditure listed on the campaign finance report, the name of each slate member on whose behalf the expenditure was made or for whose benefit the expenditure was intended.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: A one-time general fund expenditure of \$25,000 in FY 2008 to modify State Board of Elections (SBE) filing software to monitor the attribution of slate expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	25,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: For each election that a campaign finance entity has indicated it will participate in on its statement of purpose filed with SBE, campaign finance reports must be filed at various times prior to and after the primary and general elections. The reports

must contain information required by the State board with respect to all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign finance entity during a reporting period. A campaign finance entity with no cash balance or outstanding obligations at the end of a reporting period may mark a campaign finance report as “final” and not be obligated to file any further reports.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: An identical bill was introduced in the 2006 session as HB 780 and received a hearing from the House Ways and Means Committee but no further action was taken. Identical bills, HB 654 of 2003, HB 169 of 2004, and HB 456 of 2005 were unfavorably reported from the House Ways and Means Committee.

Cross File: None.

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