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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Fitzroy Lee

Acting Chief Financial Officer

DATE: May 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Advisory Neighborhood Commission

Boundaries Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-700, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on May 12, 2022

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 budget and proposed fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The proposed fiscal year 2023 budget includes \$116,000 in fiscal year 2023 and \$478,000 over the financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

An Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) is a non-partisan, neighborhood body made up of locally elected representatives called Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. Each ANC area is subdivided into a number of smaller areas called Single Member Districts (SMDs). Each SMD consists of about 2,000 people who elect a Commissioner to serve on an ANC. Although the SMDs should have equal populations, ANCs vary widely in size and can have anywhere from two to twelve SMDs.

The bill establishes¹ new boundaries for ANCs and SMDs based on the 2020 Census and the associated changes to the District's ward boundaries. The new boundaries will be applicable beginning January 2, 2023 but will serve as the boundaries for the purpose of administering the

¹ Pursuant to section 738 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 824; D.C. Official Code § 1-207.38), and sections 3 and 4 of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, effective October 10, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-21; D.C. Official Code §§ 1-309.02, .03).

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November 8, 2022 election. The bill increases the number of ANCs from 40 to 45 and increase the number of single-member districts from 296 to 344.

The bill also requires² that the current services funding level (CFSL) for fiscal years 2031 and 2032, and for each fiscal year that is a multiple of ten years after, be adjusted to include:

- Funds for software acquisition and training in the Office of Planning to provide technical support to the Council;
- Additional overtime, term-limited employees, or contractual services to enable the Board of Elections to update voter rolls upon the completion of redistricting; and,
- Up to three term-limited, full-time employees, to staff the Council committee or subcommittee with jurisdiction over redistricting and contractual services to publicize or conduct outreach to residents.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 budget and proposed fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The proposed fiscal year 2023 budget includes \$116,000 in fiscal year 2023 and \$478,000 over the financial plan to implement the bill.

ANCs receive annual funding from the Office of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (OANC) in an amount proportional to the ANC's total population. The proposed fiscal year 2023 budget includes \$116,000 of additional funding in the OANC budget so that existing ANC budgets are not adversely impacted by the addition of five ANCs and 48 SMDs. In total, the financial plan includes \$487,000 to support the implementation of the bill.

Bill 24-700, Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries Act of 2022					
Fiscal Impact					
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Total
Additional ANC Funding	\$116,000	\$118,000	\$121,000	\$123,000	\$478,000

Table Notes:

(a) Assumes 2 percent cost growth.

² By amending Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the D.C. Official Code.