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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: September 19, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Elections Modernization Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-87, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 9, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires the Board of Elections to redraw voting precincts every five years and to give voters the option to receive an election's voter guide through electronic delivery. The bill also eliminates a requirement that the Board post the lists of eligible voters on its website at least 14 days prior to any election.

Current law prevents an elected State Board of Education member from holding any other elected positions except as a delegate or alternate to a political party nominating convention.¹ The bill expands which elected opportunities the members can pursue to include national committeemen and committeewomen and local political party committees.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The redrawing of voting precincts currently occurs every ten years following the United State Census. The next review is planned for 2021 following the 2020 decennial census, so

¹ State Board of Education Establishment Act of 2007, effective June 12, 2007 (D.C. Law 17-9; D.C. Official Code § 38-2651(e)(1)(C)).

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the first five-year redraw as required in the bill will occur in 2026. The Board of Elections expects that it could add a couple of new precincts at a five-year precinct redraw to accommodate an increase in voters. The cost to add two new precincts is approximately \$35,000-\$40,000 for space rental, voting machines, security, custodial, and personnel, but any projected costs are beyond the current financial plan period.

The Board of Elections can use existing resources to provide residents an option to receive the voter guide electronically. The bill's provisions to eliminate the posting of voter rolls online and expand elected opportunities for State Board of Education members do not have a cost.