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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Fitzroy Lee
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DATE: November 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Ward Redistricting Amendment Act of 2021

REFERENCE: Bill 24-371, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on November 17, 2021

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Current law requires¹ redistricting after the release of the decennial census. The bill redefines² the election ward boundaries for the District of Columbia to adhere to this redistricting requirement. The new configuration is the result of a periodic review of the District in conjunction with the release of decennial census data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The bill also maintains current residential parking permit zones rather than conforming the zones with new ward boundaries.

The bill changes³ residency qualifications for State Board of Education members so that members do not forfeit his or her office in the event that the member's residence was redistricted from one ward to another. The bill does this by requiring that members reside in the school election ward they

¹ D.C. Official Code § 1-1011.01.

² By amending Section 4 of the Redistricting Procedure Act of 1981, effective March 16, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-87; D.C. Official Code § 1-1041.03).

³ By amending Paragraph 402(e)(1) of the 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)(B)).

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represent at the time of taking office rather than requiring members to live in that ward for a least a year preceding an election.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District of Columbia Board of Elections can implement changes to the District's election boundaries with current resources. Maintaining residential parking zones as they currently exist and clarifying residency qualifications for State Board of Education members does not have a cost.