

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 4004
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 2, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices.

Type of Impact: Potential State expenditure increase.

Agencies Affected: Department of State. Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill may increase State costs to the extent that State funds may be provided to the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University, for the establishment and maintenance of the two databases required under the bill.
- The OLS notes that Senate Bill No. 2022, the proposed annual appropriations act for fiscal year (FY) 2022 that has passed both houses of the Legislature as of the writing of this fiscal estimate, provides for an appropriation of \$350,000 for “Center for American Women and Politics – Women Elected and Appointed Officials Database.”

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, with its Center for American Women and Politics and Center for Public Interest Polling, to establish and maintain two databases that contain for every person appointed to a State board, commission, authority, or other multi-member entity, and for every person elected to a public office in this State, the name of the individual, the title of the office held, the term of office, the race and the gender identity or expression of that individual, and, if applicable, the appointing authority. The bill will not apply to school boards.

The bill also permits the Institute to survey individuals currently serving in an appointed position or elected office for addition to its database.

The Institute is required to work with the Secretary of State and the Office of the Governor to effectuate the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).