

# FISCAL NOTE

March 3, 2023

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB 130	<b>Printer's No:</b>	15	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Coleman (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

<b>Fund (s)</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

**SUMMARY:** This bill proposes an amendment to the constitution of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for election audits.

**ANALYSIS:** SB 130 proposes a constitutional amendment to require the General Assembly to provide by statute an audit of elections and election results by the Auditor General, or when the Auditor General stands for election to any office, by an independent auditor.

Constitutional amendments require passage in two consecutive legislative sessions before being presented to the voters for approval via referendum. This proposed amendment was passed by the legislature in SB 106 of the 2021-2022 legislative session.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Constitutional amendments carry a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million in two consecutive legislative sessions to comply with advertising requirements. This proposed amendment incurred one round of advertisement costs in FY 2022-23. A second round of advertisement costs could be incurred in FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, or FY 2024-25 dependent upon timing of passage.

The Auditor General's Office would incur staffing costs to conduct election audits. Staffing needs, including internal and contracted personnel, would vary based on the timeframe, scope, and other requirements laid out in enacting legislation.