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FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Weissman
Sen. Fenberg

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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BILL TOPIC: INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES & CANDIDATES

NOTE: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies in statute that no candidate or candidate committee can establish, finance, or maintain an independent expenditure committee to receive or make contributions for or against any candidate for the same district office or for the same statewide office.

Background

An independent expenditure is an expenditure that is not controlled by or coordinated with any candidate or agent of a candidate. An independent expenditure committee is one or more persons that collect in excess of \$1,000 for the purpose of making an independent expenditure, or make an independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000.

Assessment

Under current law, expenditures made or coordinated by a candidate are deemed to be candidate committee expenditures, and independent expenditures cannot be made by a candidate or candidate committee. This bill clarifies that an independent expenditure committee cannot be created by a candidate. Thus, the bill does not increase the revenues, expenditures, or workload of any state agency or local government and has therefore been assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on May 4, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

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