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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Lee; Gardner **Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary
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Bill Topic: **COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES PROCEDURES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill requires the Committee on Legal Services to prescribe its own rules of procedure and allows for the polling of members for voting on certain questions. It does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state agency and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill as recommended by the Committee on Legal Services.

Summary of Legislation

The Committee on Legal Services is the legislative oversight committee for the Office of Legislative Legal Services. This bill requires the committee to prescribe its own rules of procedure and allows for the polling of members on the question of retaining legal counsel or other time-sensitive matters rather than holding a meeting. The Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services or the director's designee may conduct the poll by in-person, electronic, or digital communication unless a committee member objects to polling on the question. Approval of a question by a majority of committee members has the same effect as a majority vote of the committee taken in a committee meeting. For questions other than regarding the retention of counsel, the committee is required to ratify the approval by motion at the next committee meeting held after the poll is taken.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

This bill adds flexibility to the procedures of the Committee on Legal Services. It does not affect the workload or expenditures of the Office of Legislative Legal Services which staffs the committee, and so is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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