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Revised Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic:	CAMPAIGN PRACTICES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS	
Summary of Fiscal Impact:	☐ State Revenue☑ State Expenditure☐ State Transfer	□ TABOR Refund⊠ Local Government□ Statutory Public Entity
	The bill establishes campaign contribution limits for municipal elections and modifies reporting, open records, and file retention requirements related to municipal campaigns. The bill increase state and local workload on an ongoing basis.	
Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.	
Fiscal Note Status:	This revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.	

Summary of Legislation

The bill sets municipal election campaign contribution limit at \$400 for individuals and political parties and \$4,000 for small donor committees to a candidate committee. Amounts are subject to inflation adjustments and the disclosure provisions of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA).

The bill also changes municipal clerk report filing timelines, subjects them to open record requests, extends filing retention requirements, and applies some additional disclosure requirements.

State Expenditures

Workload in the Department of State will increase to promulgate rules around the new campaign limits and periodically adjust them for inflation. This work is absorbable.

Local Government

Workload will increase for municipal clerks to assist with any FCPA disputes or handle open record requests that result from the bill. Additionally, storage costs may increase as a result of the extended retention requirements.

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Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed. It applies to any municipal elections on or after that date.

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