

FISCAL NOTE
ASSEMBLY, No. 4891
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: AUGUST 4, 2023

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires publication online of Senate Journals, Assembly Minutes, and their indexes.

Type of Impact: Expenditure Reduction, State General Fund.

Agencies Affected: Office of Legislative Services.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
State Cost Savings	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the cost to print the Senate Journal and the Assembly Minutes is \$65 per unit based on the 2019 order, with additional fees for set up, sample cases, and die fabrication of \$847, which may not change based on the number of units ordered. At present, there are 60 units of the Senate Journal and 40 units of the Assembly Minutes ordered annually.
- The OLS estimates a total State expenditure decrease per year of \$5,200 under the bill if 10 units each of the Senate Journal and Assembly Minutes are printed annually and the unit price does not increase. The annual savings will commence with the order placed in 2025 after the end of the 2024 legislation session.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that Senate Journals, Assembly Minutes, minutes of the joint meetings of both Houses of the Legislature, and their indexes would be published online by the Office of Legislative Services and not as bound volumes. However, the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the General Assembly may have the OLS print not more than 10 copies of a bound volume for an entire annual session of the Senate or General Assembly. Under current law, these documents are printed and bound as a volume for each annual legislative session of each House.

The bill would take effect on the first day of the first annual session of the 2024-2025 Legislative Term.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None Received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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