



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1287

PRINTER'S NO: 1684

PRIME SPONSOR: Casorio

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Funds of the Town of Bloomsburg	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

This bill amends the Act 45 of 1941 to change a reason in §20 for disciplining or dismissing a police officer and to add a new section restricting elective offices that may be held by a police officer. According to the Local Government Commission, this law only applies to incorporated towns because other laws regulating local governments have repealed these Act 45 provisions with respect to their application to the other classes of local government.

Act 45 currently provides that a police officer may be suspended, removed, or reduced in rank for “engaging or participating in conducting of any political or election campaign otherwise than to exercise his own right of suffrage.” This bill would allow the police officer to engage or participate in such activities except while on duty or in uniform. The bill, however, restricts the police officer from holding an elective office in the incorporated town in which he is employed, or if the incorporated town is covered by a regional police department or other cooperative arrangement, then the police officer would be restricted from holding an elective office in any of the participating municipalities.

Bloomsburg, Columbia County, is the only incorporated town in Pennsylvania.

The effective date is sixty days.

ANALYSIS:

Allowing a police officer to engage in or participate in political or election campaign activities, except for when on duty or in uniform, and allowing the officer to hold an elected office outside of the municipality or municipalities for which he is employed would be done on the officer’s own time and expense and would not fiscally impact the incorporated town itself.

The Local Government Commission was consulted in the preparation of this fiscal note.

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