

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 163

PRINTER'S NO. 2175

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 17, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Benninghoff

HISTORY OF BILL

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-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 28, 2013
-reported as committed, June 29, 2013

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 163 amends The County Code (Act 130 of 1955) to allow counties to maintain the configuration of its row offices when a county advances from a fifth class county to a fourth class county as the result of census figures.

The legislation amends section 1302 of The County Code, which applies to county row offices such as Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, Clerk of Orphans' Court, Register of Wills, and Recorder of Deeds. Under existing law, counties advancing from the fifth to fourth class as a result of census figures are required to maintain the configuration of row offices in effect only until the year in which the offices are next up for election.

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House Bill 163 provides that a county may maintain the configuration in effect as long as the county deems appropriate. At such time as a county decides that reconfiguration of the offices in accordance with the rules for a fourth class county is appropriate, the county shall wait until the year in which the offices are next up for election to effect that change.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 163 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth or local funds.