



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 740

PRINTER'S NO: 826

PRIME SPONSOR: Benninghoff

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
General Fund	See analysis	See analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 740 amends the Pennsylvania Election Code to require prerecorded political messages to disclose who financed the expenditure for the communication.

This bill will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law requires that advertisements advocating for the election or defeat of a candidate or ballot question must disclose the financial sources that paid for the advertisement.

Advertisements made through broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mail or other general public political advertising are currently required to contain the disclosure.

If the message is authorized by the candidate, his authorized political committee or their agents, the message must state that it was authorized. If not authorized by a candidate, his authorized political committee or their agents, the message must state the name of the person, political committee or affiliated organization who paid for the message.

Violations would be subject to the penalties of §1638 of the Pennsylvania Election Code.

The enactment of House Bill 740 is not expected to have an adverse impact upon commonwealth funds.

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