



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1976

PRINTERS NO. 2863

PRIME SPONSOR: Cutler

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1976 amends the Judicial Code concerning venue in personal injury actions against corporations and similar entities.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation adds a section concerning venue in personal injury actions against corporations and similar entities to the Judicial Code. This section states these suits may only be brought in the county where the plaintiff is domiciled, the county where all or a predominant part of the cause of action arose, or the county where the principal place of business of the corporation or similar entity is located.

Actions to enforce joint or joint and several liability against multiple corporate defendants shall be brought in the county where the plaintiff is domiciled or the county where all or a predominant part of the cause of action arose. In such actions the court, for good cause, may transfer the action to a county where it might have been brought against one or more of the defendants.

Relevant definitions are also added.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*