



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 161

PRINTERS NO. 2297

PRIME SPONSOR: Brubaker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$1,000,000

SUMMARY: Amends the PA Constitution regarding standards and qualifications for institutions of purely public charity.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend Section 2(b) of Article VIII of the PA Constitution by providing the General Assembly with the authority to establish standards which shall be the criteria to determine the qualifications for institutions of purely public charity.

Pursuant to Article XI of the Constitution, this proposed amendment must pass the General Assembly in two consecutive sessions and be approved by the voters of the Commonwealth in the form of a ballot question before the language goes into effect.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Department of State, the cost to properly advertise 1 Constitutional amendment in 2 newspapers in each county, 3 separate times before an election, is approximately \$1,000,000 to the Commonwealth. This fiscal note assumes advertising of the first passage of the amendment would occur in fiscal year 2012-13.

It is important to note that if more than 1 constitutional amendment passes the General Assembly during the 2011-12 session and all are placed in the same advertisement prior to an election, there would be cost savings. The amount saved would depend on the size of the advertisement that would be necessary.

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