



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

PRINTERS NO. 58

PRIME SPONSOR: Harper

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$1,500,000

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 79 is a joint resolution to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends the state constitution by increasing the mandatory retirement age for justices, judges and justices of the peace from 70 to 75.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Under Article XI, Section 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to have the proposed amendment published in two newspapers in every county throughout the Commonwealth, upon both the first and second passage of the bill by the General Assembly. In addition, the Secretary is required to submit the proposed amendment to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth upon second passage.

According to the Department of State, it is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the requisite advertisement of the passage of a Constitutional amendment. Therefore, total costs for advertising upon passage in two consecutive legislative sessions would cost about \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. This fiscal note assumes advertising of the first passage of the amendment would occur in fiscal year 2013-14.

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