



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 619

PRINTERS NO. 681

PRIME SPONSOR: Emrick

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Supplements the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact between PA and New Jersey regarding the power of the PA Governor to veto actions taken by PA Commissioners, by specifying the process for the delivery to and return of minutes from the PA Governor. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation provides that the minutes of every meeting of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission shall be delivered to the PA Governor, by and under the certification of, the secretary of the commission. No action taken by a PA commissioner at a meeting shall have force or effect for a period of 10 days, (not counting Saturdays, Sundays and Commonwealth public holidays) unless the PA Governor approves the minutes in writing within the 10-day period.

The Governor shall return the minutes to the commission, not later than the 10-day period prescribed, either with or without a veto of any action recited in the minutes which was taken by a commissioner appointed from PA. If the Governor does not return the minutes within the 10-day period, the action taken by the PA commissioners shall have the force and effect as recited in the minutes.

The board of commissioners will designate an individual who will be responsible for responding to requests from the public and the news media for information concerning the scheduling, attendance and minutes of board meetings.

Upon passage of the bill, the Governor is required to publish the date of execution of any supplemental compact or agreement referenced in a notice in the PA Bulletin.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission funds.

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DATE: May 5, 2014

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