



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 4

PRINTERS NO. 347

PRIME SPONSOR: Brubaker

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 4, Printer's Number 347, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide for criteria for institutions of purely public charity.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Article VIII, Section 2(b), by adding subsection (vii) providing that the General Assembly may, by law, establish uniform standards and qualifications which shall be the criteria to determine qualification as institutions of purely public charity under Article VIII, Section 2(a)(v) of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

In order to amend the Constitution, legislation proposing the Constitutional amendment must be passed by the General Assembly in two consecutive legislative sessions and be advertised in newspapers upon each passage before being submitted to the electorate for approval.

Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to publish the proposed amendment in two newspapers in every county in which newspapers are published after first and second passage of the legislation by the General Assembly.

Enactment of this legislation would be the first passage of this proposed Constitutional amendment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Based on estimates provided by the Department of State, the enactment of this bill will result in advertising costs to the Commonwealth of approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the required publication of the proposed Constitutional amendment in two newspapers in every county in which newspapers are published.

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