



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 436

PRINTERS NO. 884

PRIME SPONSOR: Smucker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0
County Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Election Code to give voting standards (i.e. what constitutes a valid vote) established by the Voting Standards Development Board the force and effect of law. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Election Code to give voting standards developed by the Voting Standards Development Board, and published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin (Volume 33, Number 31 on August 2, 2003), the force and effect of law until a new category of voting system, other than the paper ballot or an electronic voting system, is approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth for use in Pennsylvania.

A voting standard provides direction to election officials as to which votes are valid and which votes are invalid. For paper ballots or optical scan voting systems, for example, a vote is valid or invalid based on the type of mark made by the voter.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or county funds.

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DATE: April 16, 2013

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