



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1081

PRINTERS NO. 1354

PRIME SPONSOR: Eichelberger

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
County Funds	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"
Frist Class Township Funds	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends the First Class Township Code to allow for the electronic filing of enacted ordinances and authorizes the county to set up electronic storage of filed ordinances. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation allows first class townships to file their completed ordinances with the county by submission of an electronic copy, through a method left to the discretion of the county. The county can then store the ordinance electronically as long as the public has access to the filed ordinances during normal business hours at the county office or at a remote location. The township shall keep a printed copy of the e-mail and ordinance that was transmitted to the county.

This legislation also adds that it is no longer deemed a defect in the process of enactment or adoption of an ordinance if the ordinance is not recorded by the township secretary in the ordinance book within a month of enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or first class township funds. Counties may realize some initial startup costs to implement a database for the electronic records and to enable the public access to these records. It is probable that a portion of these "one-time" costs could be offset each year as the counties will not have to provide for storage of paper copies of ordinances.

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