



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 33

PRINTERS NO. 355

PRIME SPONSOR: Grell

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
Municipal Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code" to permit alternate members for the planning commission. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation provides that the governing body of a municipality may appoint at least 1 but no more than 3 residents of the municipality to serve as alternate members of the planning commission for a term of 4 years. The chairman of the commission may designate alternate members of the commission to substitute for any absent member or member who has recused himself or has been disqualified by the governing body in order to establish a quorum. Designation of an alternate shall be made on a case-by-case basis in rotation according to declining seniority among all alternates.

When seated as a voting alternate member, an alternate shall be entitled to participate in all proceedings and discussions of the planning commission to the same and full extent as provided by law for commission members, including specifically the right to cast a vote during the proceedings. At any time alternates may participate in any proceeding or discussion of the planning commission, but shall not be entitled to vote nor be reimbursed, unless designated as a voting alternate member.

Any alternate member of the commission shall continue to serve on the commission in all proceedings involving the matter for which the alternate was initially appointed until the commission has made a final decision on the matter or case. Alternates shall not serve as a member of the zoning hearing board or as a zoning officer of the municipality.

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

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: March 26, 2015

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