



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 906

PRINTERS NO. 1103

PRIME SPONSOR: Harper

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
First Class Township Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the First Class Township Code repealing provisions related to removal of a township officer for failure to perform duties. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation removes Section 604 of the First Class Township Code that allows removal of an elected township officer for failure to perform duties, by a county court of common pleas upon complaint by electors.

Under the legislation, any elected officer, whether elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in elective office, will be removable from office only:

- by impeachment, or
- by the Governor for reasonable cause after due notice and full hearing on the advice of two-thirds of the Senate, or
- upon conviction of misbehavior in office, or
- upon conviction of any infamous crime.

A person's title to office (whether the person has the qualifications to hold the office) may still be tried by proceedings of quo warranto (i.e., a legal proceeding during which an individual's right to hold an office or governmental privilege is challenged).

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

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DATE: June 16, 2015

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