



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 283

PRINTERS NO. 161

PRIME SPONSOR: Pileggi

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$1,000,000 to \$1,300,000	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 283 is a joint resolution to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the state constitution by removing references to the Philadelphia Traffic Court from the document.

FISCAL IMPACT: Under Article XI, Section 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to have the proposed amendment published in two newspapers in every county throughout the Commonwealth, upon the first and second passage of the bill by the General Assembly. In addition, the Secretary is required to submit the proposed amendment to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth upon second passage. This legislation successfully passed both chambers during the 2013-14 Session (SB 333) and became Pamphlet Laws Resolution No. 1. The proposed constitutional amendment language must now be successfully considered via SB 283 during the 2015-16 Session in order to be presented to the voters.

According to the Department of State, it is estimated to cost between \$1 million and \$1.3 million for the requisite advertisement of the passage of one Constitutional amendment. It is probable that in the event that more than one Constitutional amendment is advertised upon second passage, that the per amendment cost would be reduced, similar to when first passage amendments are advertised concurrently. This fiscal note assumes advertising of the second passage of the amendment would occur in the second half of fiscal year 2015-16.

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