



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 915

PRINTERS NO. 1946

PRIME SPONSOR: Everett

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
First Class Township Funds	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Amends the First Class Township Code (Act 331 of 1931) to give townships the authority to implement storm water management ordinances and to assess a fee to fund the planning, management, implementation, construction and maintenance of storm water facilities. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation will give first class townships the same powers as other local governments to create a storm water plan.

The legislation would allow a board of commissioners to plan, design, construct, assemble, install and alter facilities, including, but not limited to, inlets, outlets, systems of piping, diversion terraces, grass waterways, energy dissipaters, storm water retention devices and natural or artificial infiltration areas, to manage surface water runoff. The legislation also gives the board of commissioners the power of eminent domain to help establish new storm water systems.

Any new storm water system will have to comply with the Storm Water Management Act and any regulations created by DEP.

This legislation will also allow townships to enact/enforce ordinances to govern and regulate the planning, management, implementation, construction and maintenance of storm water facilities within the township, and to assess a uniform and reasonable fee. When calculating the fee, the township shall take into account the characteristics of the property, including the installation or maintenance of storm water facilities on the property that meet best management practices and are approved or inspected by the township.

The township can only assess the fee in one of three ways:

- On the entire township.
- On properties benefited by a specific project.
- Through the creation of a storm water management district.

Any fee that is assessed by the township is to be filed with the township treasurer, and can be collected by annual or installment payments, as specified by township ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or first class township funds but would provide first class townships with the opportunity to implement their own storm water management system and levy a fee to generate new revenue for storm water management.

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