



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1285

PRINTERS NO. 1589

PRIME SPONSOR: Maloney

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1285, Printer's Number 1589, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

**ANALYSIS:** Article VIII, Section 2(b)(vi) currently provides that the General Assembly may authorize a homestead exclusion which shall not exceed one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property within the local taxing jurisdiction. This legislation proposes an amendment to the Constitution allowing for a homestead exclusion not to exceed 100% of the assessed value of each homestead property within the local taxing jurisdiction.

In order to amend the Constitution, legislation proposing the Constitutional amendment must be passed by the General Assembly in two consecutive legislative sessions and be advertised in newspapers upon each passage before being submitted to the electorate for approval.

Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to publish the proposed amendment, three months before the next general election, in two newspapers in every county in which newspapers are published.

House Bill 147, Printer's Number 139, containing the exact language was passed by the General Assembly in the 2015-2016 Session. If this legislation is passed in the current session by the General Assembly it would be the second time in consecutive sessions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Based on estimates provided by the Department of State, the enactment of this bill will result in advertising costs to the Commonwealth of approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the required publication of the proposed Constitutional amendment

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