



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 299

PRINTERS NO. 1849

PRIME SPONSOR: Alloway

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0
County Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Act No. 320 of 1937, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code (Election Code), to exempt a sitting Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) from the requirement to file a nominating petition with 100 or more signatures for re-election; and to instead allow the filing of a certificate of nomination for reelection, with the proviso that the MDJ incumbent utilizing this procedure may not challenge the nominating petition of another MDJ candidate. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend the Election Code, to allow a sitting MDJ elected to the office to file a certificate of nomination for reelection specifying the intent to seek reelection to the office instead of filing a nomination petition. If a sitting MDJ files a certificate of nomination for reelection, the sitting MDJ could not challenge the nominating petition of another candidate for MDJ.

The signature requirement on a nomination petition for a candidate for MDJ who does not already hold the office would remain one hundred.

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

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DATE: October 9, 2018

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