



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 423

PRINTERS NO. 2175

PRIME SPONSOR: Topper

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
State Stores Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 423, printer's number 2175, amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), known as the Liquor Code, to further provide for local option.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** The legislation proposes to amend Section 472(a) of the Liquor Code to allow questions as to whether certain types of liquor licenses should be issued within a municipality to be on the ballot at any election other than a special election. The types of liquor licenses being added to local option ballot questions include brewery licenses, brewery storage licenses, limited distillery licenses, and limited winery licenses.

The number of electors required to place a question on the ballot in a municipality or split municipality in a County of the Second Class A is also amended by the legislation. In a County of the Second Class A the number of electors needed is changed from 25% of the highest vote cast at the last proceeding general election to the lesser of 25% of the highest vote cast at the last proceeding general election or 500 electors.

The bill specifies that the amendment of Section 472(a) shall not apply to brewery licenses, brewery storage licenses, limited distillery licenses, board-approved limited distillery locations, limited winery licenses, and board-approved limited winery locations granted before the effective date of the act.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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