



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 133

PRINTERS NO. 1185

PRIME SPONSOR: Argall

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See fiscal impact below	See fiscal impact below

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 133, printer's number 1185, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to further provide for selection of Lieutenant Governor.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill proposes an amendment to Section 4 of Article IV of the Constitution to remove the current process for selection of the Lieutenant Governor as a separate election. The Constitutional amendment states that each candidate for Governor, having been nominated under the laws of the Commonwealth, shall select a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within such time before the gubernatorial general election as the General Assembly shall prescribe by law. A candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall be subject to approval of the candidate's political party or political body. A candidate may not seek election to both offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor simultaneously.

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 in two newspapers in every county in which newspapers are published after first and second passage of the legislation by the General Assembly.

If Senate Bill 133 is enacted it would be the first passage of the proposed Constitutional referendum to change the process for selection of a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** 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 in two newspapers in every county in which newspapers are published.

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