



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 413

PRINTERS NO. 1653

PRIME SPONSOR: Martin

### COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND         | FY 2019/20 | FY 2020/21        |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$0        | See Fiscal Impact |

#### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 413, Printer's Number 1653 amends Article V (The Judiciary), Section 15 (Tenure of justices, judges and justices of the peace) and Article VII (Elections), Section 14 (Absentee voting) of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

#### ANALYSIS:

SB 413 amends the PA Constitution by removing the separate ballot requirement for justices, judges and justices of the peace seeking election retention. In addition, Section 14 (Absentee voting) is amended to clarify that no election law may require an elector to physically appear at a designated polling place on the day of the election.

As a proposed constitutional amendment, this legislation must pass each chamber of the General Assembly in two consecutive sessions and then must be presented to the voters for adoption. This is the first consideration of this proposed constitutional amendment.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The first passage of a proposed constitutional amendment requires that the Secretary of the Commonwealth advertise the amendment in accordance with Article XI (Amendments), Section 1 (Proposal of amendments by the General Assembly and their adoption) of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The constitutional amendment advertising requirements will result in a cost of approximately \$500,000 to \$1 million.

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