



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1010

PRINTERS NO. 1453

PRIME SPONSOR: Ortitay

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000

SUMMARY: Proposes an amendment to Article XI of Pennsylvania Constitution, altering the procedure for advertising proposed amendments to the Constitution.

ANALYSIS: This legislation proposes to amend Article XI of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide that the Legislative Reference Bureau, or a successor legislative agency prescribed by the General Assembly, shall advertise proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution. Advertisement of proposed amendments shall remain the statutorily required 90 days following first passage of an amendment prior to a General Election, and subsequently following second passage of the same amendment prior to a referendum.

Additionally, this legislation will amend Article XI to provide that the Legislative Reference Bureau, or a successor legislative agency prescribed by the General Assembly, shall prepare the question to be included on the ballot as well as the summary of the amendment.

The same changes are made regarding emergency amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution.

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.