



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 84

PRINTERS NO. 66

PRIME SPONSOR: Martin

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

#### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 84 amends the County Code concerning the filling of vacancies. It would take effect immediately.

#### ANALYSIS:

Under current law, there is a difference in the process of filling a vacancy in the office of district attorney based on the classification of the county. In counties of the second class A or third class, the judges of the court of common pleas appoint a competent and qualified individual to the office of district attorney when a vacancy occurs for the balance of the unexpired term. By contrast, in counties of the fourth through eighth class, the judges of the court of common pleas appoint the first assistant district attorney to the office of district attorney if they are willing to serve and satisfy the eligibility requirements. If the first assistant district attorney cannot or does not want to fill the office, then the judges of the court of common pleas appoint a competent individual to the office of district attorney.

Senate Bill 84 would make the process of filling a district attorney vacancy in counties of the second class A and third class the same as the current process for filling such vacancies in counties of the fourth through eighth class.

#### 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.*