



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 106

PRINTERS NO. 1279

PRIME SPONSOR: Argall

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 106, printer's number 1279, introduces a Joint Resolution proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for action on concurrent orders and resolutions and for Lieutenant Governor, providing for executive orders, providing for election audits, and for qualifications of electors.

ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 106 provides for the following additional and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

- Allows a party's nominee for Governor to select the party nominee for Lieutenant Governor rather than have each candidate nominated separately in the party's primary and prohibits a person from seeking election to both offices simultaneously.
- Creates a limit of 21 days for any executive order or proclamation, which has the force of law, issued by the Governor or an executive agency.
- Provides that the General Assembly's disapproval of a regulation would not be required to be presented to the Governor.
- Requires the General Assembly to provide for the auditing of elections.
- Requires voters to present valid identification prior to voting.

FISCAL IMPACT: Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that a proposed amendment to the Constitution be advertised in two newspapers in each county after first and second passage by the General Assembly. Passage of this bill by the General Assembly would constitute first passage of these proposed amendments. Second passage in the next session of the General Assembly would then require the proposed amendments to be submitted to the electorate.

According to the Department of State, costs for the first round of three monthly advertisements prior to an election range between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. Should the length of the amendment wording require additional print space, the advertising costs could be higher.

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