



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 420

PRINTERS NO. 1110

PRIME SPONSOR: Yaw

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

#### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 420 amends the County Code concerning qualifications for the office of district attorney. It would take effect immediately.

#### ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 420 amends the County Code concerning qualifications for the office of district attorney. It requires a district attorney to hold an active law license while in office, and establishes two procedures, one for when a district attorney is disbarred and another if their law license is suspended.

If a district attorney is disbarred, the office is considered vacant and must be filled according to the applicable procedures in current law.

If a district attorney's law license is suspended, the district attorney must be suspended from office until the license is restored or their term expires. During any such suspension from office the first assistant district attorney will act as district attorney if they are willing, qualified, and able to do so. If not, the Court of Common Pleas must appoint a competent and qualified individual to serve as district attorney.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** October 26, 2021

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