



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 246

PRINTER'S NO. 209

PRIME SPONSOR: Davis

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Counties/Municipalities	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

Requires municipalities to notify affected property owners of changes to special flood hazard areas hazard maps created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 246 Printer's Number 209 requires that municipalities inform affected property owners within 90 days of receiving notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that there is a change in a preliminary special flood hazard area map.

The legislation also creates a requirement for county governments to notify affected property owners within 90 days of notification from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) of a change in a final special flood hazard area map from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

The legislation creates a mandate for county and municipal governments to provide written notification to affected property owners of changes in FEMA flood hazard area maps. The mandate will consume staffing resources and office supplies (paper, envelopes, toner, and USPS first-class postage). FEMA flood hazard area maps are subject to update every five years, but that does not mean that the map will change. Without information on the potential frequency or scope of future changes to flood hazard area maps, it is difficult to estimate how much this mandate will cost local governments.

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