



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1410

PRINTER'S NO. 1578

PRIME SPONSOR: McClinton

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

Amends the Pennsylvania Constitution to change the recommendation of the Board of Pardons to make an individual eligible for a pardon or commutation by the Governor from unanimous to three-fifths.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1410 proposes to amend Section 9(a) of Article IV of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The amendment would replace the unanimous requirement with a three-fifths agreement for the Board of Pardons to recommend the pardon or commutation of an individual sentenced to death or life imprisonment. The governor may only pardon or commute a sentence if the board provides this recommendation.

As a proposed constitutional amendment, this legislation must pass each chamber of the General Assembly in two consecutive sessions and then must be presented to the voters for adoption. This is the first consideration of this proposed constitutional amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The approximate cost to advertise the proposed constitutional amendment on first passage is estimated to be between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000. The cost would depend on the size of the advertisement and the number of other advertisements published at the same time.

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