

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 358

PRINTER'S NO. 348

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

February 1, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Eichelberger

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, Feb. 1, 2011

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First consideration, Feb. 14, 2011

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Re-reported as committed, April 5, 2011

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 358 amends The First Class Township Code (Act 331 of 1931) by authorizing the sale of personal property of a first class township by online or electronic auction sale.

The legislation amends section 1501 of The First Class Township Code relating to suits and property, which specifies the requirements townships must follow to purchase and sell real and personal property. During an electronic auction sale, bids shall be accepted electronically at the time and in the manner designated in the advertisement, and each bidder shall have the capability to view the bidder's bid rank or the high bid price. Bidders may increase their bid prices during the electronic auction.

The record of the electronic auction shall be accessible for public inspection. The purchase price, including shipping charges, if any, shall be paid by the high bidder immediately or at a reasonable time after the conclusion of the electronic auction as determined by the board of township commissioners.

A township that has complied with the advertising requirements of section 1501 may provide additional public notice of the sale by bids or public auction in any manner deemed appropriate by the board of township commissioners. The advertisement for electronic auction sales shall include the Internet address or means of accessing the electronic auction and the date, time and duration of the electronic auction.

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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 358 makes a technical correction to The First Class Township Code by removing a reference to the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, which has been repealed, and replacing it with a reference to The General Local Government Code (Title 53).

The Act takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.