

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 326

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1130

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 24, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Fabrizio

**HISTORY OF BILL**

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In the Senate  
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Re-reported as committed, June 17, 2013

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 326 amends The County Code (Act 130 of 1955), and specifically, the subdivision therein known as the Third Class County Convention Center Authority Act, by increasing the number of members on the governing board of a third class county convention center from nine to eleven members.

The legislation provides that the members shall be appointed as follows:

- Two members (currently three) shall be appointed by the mayor of the city in which the convention center is located, or, if there is no mayor, the governing body of the municipality.
- Seven members (currently four) shall be appointed by the county council or the governing body of the county in which the convention center facilities are located.
- Two members (currently two) shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the majority of the members of the Senate.

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 326 removes an existing provision with regard to county-only appointed boards, and it increases the quorum required for actions of the board from five to six members. The bill's enactment shall not shorten the term of a member serving on the effective date of the legislation.

Furthermore, the legislation establishes a timetable for members currently serving on the effective date to fill out their terms in a scheduled manner over a several year period. Also, the legislation provides a process for the reduction of mayoral appointments from three to two.

The act shall take effect immediately.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 326 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

The legislation would impact only the Erie County Convention Center Authority because it is the only such authority created under the Third Class County Convention Center Authority Act. The Authority could see a slight increase in costs because the two additional members may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses.