

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 771

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1584

**AMOUNT**

\$167,000

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 3, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Gordner

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 771 adds a new Section 432.1 (State Geospatial Coordinating Board) in the Administrative Code to establish an advisory board within the Governor's Office of Administration to provide advice and recommendations on geospatial issues, uniform data standards, coordination and efficiency in geospatial policy and technology issues among Federal, state and local government, the private sector and academic institutions.

Provides for the board to be comprised of the following voting members: (1) the Secretary of Administration or a designee; (2) the Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources or a designee (3); the Secretary of Environmental Protection or a designee; (4) the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency or a designee; (5) the Secretary of Transportation or a designee; (6) the Secretary of General Services or a designee; (7) Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate; (8) three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; (9) three members appointed by the Governor; (10) one member designated by the County Geographic Information Professionals Association of Pennsylvania; (11) one member designated by Pennsylvania Mapping and Geographic Information Consortium; (12) one member designated by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania; and, (13) one member designated by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors.

Provides for the board to include the following nonvoting ex officio members: (1) the Commonwealth's mapping liaison to the U.S. Geological Survey; (2) one member designated by the Pennsylvania One Call System; (3) the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or a designee; (4) one member designated by the Geographic Information Consortium of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education; (5) one member designated by the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association; (6) one member designated by the American Planning Association, Pennsylvania Chapter; and, (7) the Director of Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access.

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Provides for the terms of office of the board members representing state agencies to coincide with the term of the Governor and board members designated by organizations to serve three-year terms. Provides for the Governor to appoint the chairman and vice-chairman from among the voting members of the board and for the board to meet not less than four times each year. Provides for 10 members of the board to constitute a quorum. Provides for board members to serve without compensation. Provides that the board may, with the approval of the Governor, appoint and fix the compensation for an executive director. Provides that, from funds appropriated for this purpose or to the Office of Administration, the board may employ and fix the compensation of experts, stenographers and assistants necessary to carry out the work of the board. Provides for the board to make a diligent effort to enlist voluntary assistance that may be available to aid the board.

Provides that the Office of Administration shall provide administrative assistance to the board and may provide additional assistance upon recommendation of the chairperson.

Provides for the board with the following powers and duties: (1) to recommend data development priorities and standards; (2) monitor national and state trends, identify issues of potential interest and make reports; (3) define and prioritize strategic opportunities where maps and spatial analysis activities could enhance the business of government and provide more cost-effective services to citizens; and, (4) develop task forces as needed to formulate recommended positions or actions.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days and will expire on June 30, 2020.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of Senate Bill 771 is estimated to cost the Commonwealth \$167,000 annually. This includes \$150,000 for salary and benefits for an executive director to be hired by the board and \$17,000 annually for the cost of employing experts, stenographers and assistants to carry out the work of the board. Costs related to the requirement that the Office of Administration provide administrative assistance to the board should be minimal and can be accomplished within its existing operating budget.