

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 90

PRINTER NO. 251

AMOUNT

\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 in FY 2015-16

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 21, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Harper

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 90 amends the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by increasing the mandatory retirement age for justices, judges, and justices of the peace from 70 to 75.

In order to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the bill proposing the amendment must be passed by the General Assembly in two consecutive legislative sessions, be advertised per Article XI, §1 of the Constitution, and finally be approved by the electorate.

This proposal was introduced as House Bill 79 in the 2013-2014 legislative session and passed in both chambers of the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Under Article XI, §1 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to have the proposed amendment published in two newspapers in every county throughout the Commonwealth, upon the first and second passage of the bill by the General Assembly. In addition, the Secretary is required to submit the proposed amendment to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth upon second passage.

According to the Department of State, it is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the required advertisement of the passage of this Constitutional amendment.