

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 167

**PRINTER NO.** 272

**AMOUNT**

\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 20, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Wagner

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 167 amends Article IV (Executive) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by establishing a new § 20 (Payroll collection of dues, fees and political contributions) to provide that no agency in the Executive Department or school district may use its payroll system to collect political contributions from an employee. It also stipulates that a provision in a collective bargaining agreement which authorizes collection in violation of this section is void.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Article XI (Amendments), §1 requires that legislation proposing to amend the Constitution be passed by the General Assembly in two consecutive legislative sessions, be advertised in two newspapers in each county after each passage and thereafter be approved by the electorate.

The Department of State estimates the cost for each required advertisement of a Constitutional amendment to be approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. Costs for advertising the amendment in two consecutive legislative session would amount to approximately \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.