

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 1036

PRINTER NO. 1208

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 5, 2018

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Moul

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1036 amends Title 8 (the Borough Code) to provide for an option to decrease the size of borough council pursuant to petition and referendum.

This bill shall require a court of common pleas to certify a ballot question for a decrease in the size of borough council to be submitted to the voters where at least 5% of the registered voters of the borough have petitioned the court for a reduction.

This process is for boroughs with a population of 3,000 residents or less that is not divided into wards. No petition may be considered by the court more often than once every 5 years.

Currently, the Borough Code provides the court of common pleas direct discretion to make a change to the size of council, following the public's opportunity to respond at a public hearing before the court.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1036 will have no fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds. County governments may incur minimal additional expenses related to including the questions on the general election ballot.