

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 317

PRINTER NO. 296

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 22, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Gordner

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 317 amends the Second Class Township Code changing the process for passage of a second class township budget.

This legislation would require that in the case of a revision to the township's proposed budget revenue or expenditures, by 10% in aggregate or 25% in any major category over the proposed budget, it must be advertised at least 10 days before adoption. Current law requires advertising under these circumstances but does not prescribe a timeframe for the advertising to occur.

Senate Bill 317 also removes the requirement that the budget be prepared on the forms furnished by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 317 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation will have no impact on second class township funds as there are no additional advertising requirements, only a change in the timeframe in which the advertisement is required.

Although this legislation removes the requirement for the annual budget to be prepared on forms furnished by DCED, no administrative savings will be recognized by the department as the provided forms are still required for the completion, filing and publication of the annual township report.