

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 412

**PRINTER NO.** 730

**AMOUNT**

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

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 19, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Stefano

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 412 is a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution.

This bill would amend Article VII §12 to change the prohibition of government employees or appointees from participating as election officers. The prohibition would remain in place for the positions of judges of elections or inspectors but would allow for government employees to participate as poll workers.

**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 estimated the cost for each 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. This would be the first passage of this amendment.

If the constitutional amendment is eventually approved by the electorate, there would be no fiscal impact to Commonwealth or county funds.