

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 688

**PRINTER NO.** 827

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

May 31, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Martin

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 688 amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) to increase the allowable maximum salaries of elected municipal officials.

This legislation would increase the maximum allowable salaries for council members and mayors in boroughs. This legislation does not directly increase any officials' salary, which is set by ordinance by each borough. Any changes would not take effect until the beginning of the officials' next term in office. The proposed amounts are based on the Consumer Price Index change since the current amounts were set in 1995.

Council Members		
Population	Current Law	Proposed
Less than 5,000	\$1,875	\$3,145
5,000 – 9,999	\$2,500	\$4,190
10,000 – 14,999	\$3,250	\$5,450
15,000 – 24,999	\$4,125	\$6,915
25,000 – 34,999	\$4,375	\$7,335
35,000 or more	\$5,000	\$8,385

Mayors		
Population	Current Law	Proposed
Less than 5,000	\$2,500	\$4,190
5,000 – 9,999	\$5,000	\$8,385
10,000 – 14,999	\$7,500	\$12,575
Greater than 15,000	\$500 x 1000 residents	\$840 x 1000 residents

The bill also creates an alternative option for borough council compensation to be based on a per-meeting attendance criteria and the forfeiture of up to 1/12 of the annual compensation for each unexcused absence.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 688 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

A borough with 7 council members and a mayor that currently pays the statutory maximum could be impacted by \$10,600 to \$35,600 dependent on a borough's population, given the increases in this legislation. A borough is not required to pay the maximum, and each borough sets its compensation level via ordinance.