

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 693

PRINTER NO. 838

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 31, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator A. Williams

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 693 amends the Election Code to provide for ballot order in a city of the first class.

This legislation provides for ballot order for all elections of judge of the court of Common Pleas in a city of the first class, the Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Traffic Court of Philadelphia, when there are more candidates than available offices, and the same office appears on the ballot in more than one ward.

The order of names shall appear on the ballot alphabetically by surname in the first ward. The first name listed in the first ward shall appear last in the second ward, with all other names moving up. The rotation shall continue for the remaining wards. No candidate's name shall appear at the top of the list more times than any other candidate. Each absentee ballot shall be treated as a separate ward for the purposes of the order of names printed on each ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 693 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. While this legislation will potentially require a series of different ballots to be printed, it will not require an increase in the total number of ballots to be printed. Therefore, the requirements of the legislation can be accommodated within current funding levels which does not include any state funds.