

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1166

PRINTER NO. 1753

AMOUNT

\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 in FY 2020-21

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 5, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator K. Ward

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1166 is a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to require action by the General Assembly to extend an emergency declaration beyond 30 days.

This legislation proposes to amend Article IV by adding Section 20 to require the passage of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly for the Governor to extend an emergency declaration beyond 30 days. Upon expiration of the Governor's emergency resolution, the Governor may not declare a new emergency declaration based on the same or similar facts without the passage of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 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 estimates the cost for each required advertisement of a Constitutional amendment to be approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. Costs for advertising the amendment in two consecutive legislative sessions would amount to approximately \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.