

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 991

PRINTER NO. 1301

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

December 29, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Schwank

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 991 repeals and replaces the City Classification Law of 1895 to make updates and changes to the city classification process.

This bill maintains the Governor’s responsibility to certify that each city’s population either would have it advance, recede or maintain its current classification as a result of a decennial census. In addition to the current process, the bill would allow a city to maintain its current classification regardless of population, require any city choosing to become a Second Class A city to adopt a home rule charter seeking that designation and provide a longer transition period into a change of class.

The legislation would repeal the City Classification Law of 1895, and all classification decisions would remain until the next gubernatorial certification under this act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 991 would have no impact on Commonwealth funds. There would be no impact on municipal funds as a city will be able to remain in its current classification, unless chosen otherwise.