

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1

**PRINTER NO.** 26

**AMOUNT**

See Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund  
Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 6, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Laughlin

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 1 is a Joint Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide for a two-year window for victims of childhood sexual abuse to file previously time barred claims, to provide for the disapproval of regulations and to require qualified electors to provide valid identification at each election.

This legislation would amend Section 11 of Article 1 to allow an individual for whom a statutory limitations period has already expired to have a period of two years to commence action arising from childhood sexual abuse.

This legislation also amends Section 9 of Article III to provide that the General Assembly's disapproval of a regulation need not be presented to the Governor for his approval.

Senate Bill 1 also amends Section 1 of Article VII to require qualified electors to provide valid identification at each election. When voting in person, the elector shall provide identification before receiving a ballot to vote. When not voting in person, the elector shall provide proof of identification with their ballot. If the elector does not possess a valid identification, they shall be furnished a government-issued identification at no cost to the elector.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Under Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to have the proposed amendment published in two newspapers in every county throughout the Commonwealth upon the first and second passage of the bill by the General Assembly.

The Department of State estimates the cost for the required advertisements of passage of a Constitutional amendment to be approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

According to the Department of Transportation's performance-based budget report, approximately 10.4 million individuals have either a state-issued driver's license or ID card. Extrapolating from the Independent Fiscal Office's most recent demographic

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data, the number of driving-aged individuals is approximately 10.6 million residents. Based on comparisons of the number of driving-aged residents to the number of state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards, there is a small number of residents who do not have some form of state-issued ID. Therefore, the Department of Transportation is unlikely to experience a significant number of individuals seeking no-cost, state-issued IDs.

The Department of Transportation currently charges \$38.50 for a photo ID, which is assumed to cover the cost of producing an individual ID. For every 500 individuals that request a no-cost, state-issued ID, the Department of Transportation will incur costs of approximately \$19,250 ( $\$38.50 \times 500$ ). The Department of Transportation is able to accommodate the cost of providing IDs to electors within the \$242.3 million that was appropriated to the Driver and Vehicle Services appropriation in Fiscal Year 2022-23.