

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 775

PRINTER NO. 874

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact
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FUND

General Fund
Local Funds

DATE INTRODUCED

June 14, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Hutchinson

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 775 amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) to provide for emergency meeting powers and local emergency officer succession.

The legislation allows a municipality to hold remote public meetings during a declared emergency. In-person quorum requirements can be met by attendees utilizing authorized telecommunications devices.

The municipality must provide notice 24 hours in advance of the meeting and, if possible, post information at the physical location of normal meetings on how to access the remote meeting and provide for public participation.

Remote meetings may not continue for longer than 21 days unless a resolution is adopted to comply with a disaster declaration by the Governor and extended by the General Assembly. A municipality may designate emergency successors for officers to carry out the duty of the office during a declared emergency.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate bill 775 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Municipalities are not expected to experience any additional costs from the implementation of the provisions of this legislation.