

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

June 30, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 16 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning this appropriation bill, Senate Bill 255, Printer's Number 971, to your chamber.

In a separate action today, I informed the House of Representatives that I am withholding my signature from House Bill 1300, Printers Number 1869. Accordingly, I am also compelled to withhold my approval from a corresponding allocation of funding to the Office of the Auditor General intended to facilitate the establishment and operation of a Bureau of Election Audits.

For these reasons, I return the bill to your chamber partially approved and signed. The bill is approved with the exception of the item listed below:

SECTION 205. Auditor General.

For the Department of the Auditor General for postauditing annually, periodically or specially, the affairs of any department, board, or commission which is supported out of the General Fund, district justices, other fining offices, volunteer firemen's relief association funds and the offices of statewide elected officials and for the proper auditing of appropriations for or relating to public assistance, including any federal sums supplementing such appropriations.

State Appropriation...... 41,441,000

This item is approved in the sum of \$38,341,000.

Sincerely.

TOM WOLE

Governor