

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 735

**PRINTER NO.** 883

**AMOUNT**

\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 in FY 2021-22

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 11, 2021

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator J. Ward

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 735 is a Joint Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to require identification to vote.

This resolution requires all electors to provide identification before receiving a ballot to vote in person or to include a copy of identification with their absentee or mail-in ballot. Valid types of identification to comply with this resolution shall be provided by law.

**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. The costs for advertising the amendment in two consecutive legislative sessions would amount to approximately \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.