

FISCAL NOTE

January 19, 2023

Bill No:	SB 1	Printer's No:	26	Sponsor:	Laughlin (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2022-23	2023-24
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: This bill proposes separate and distinct amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for courts to be open and suits against the commonwealth, for action on concurrent orders and resolutions, and for qualifications of electors.

ANALYSIS: SB 1 proposes three separate and distinct amendments to the Pennsylvania constitution:

1. Creates a two-year period to commence action arising from childhood sexual abuse for which a statutory limitations period has expired;
2. exempts legislative disapproval of regulations from presentment to the governor for approval; and
3. requires qualified electors to provide valid identification at each election.

Constitutional amendments require passage in two consecutive legislative sessions before being presented to the voters for approval via referendum. Each of the three proposed amendments were passed by the legislature in SB 106 of the 2021-2022 legislative session.

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 1 carries a total cost of \$3.9 million to \$4.5 million to comply with advertising requirements.

Constitutional amendments carry a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million per amendment in two consecutive legislative sessions for advertising. Each of the three proposed amendments incurred one round of advertisement costs in FY 2022-23. A second round of advertisement costs could be incurred in FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, or FY 2024-25 dependent upon timing of passage.