

# FISCAL NOTE

February 5, 2018

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB 0761	<b>Printer's No:</b>	1383	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Argall (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

<b>Fund (s)</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** The bill would amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to allow for each party's gubernatorial candidate to select the candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill would amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a to allow for each party's gubernatorial candidate to select the candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Currently, the candidates for Lieutenant Governor in each general election are elected during the preceding primary election by their parties. The bill would change the process so that each party's gubernatorial candidate could chose a running mate for the office of Lieutenant Governor. A person may not run for both positions simultaneously.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** If the General Assembly passes SB 761, the first round of advertisements would not occur until prior to the 2018 General Election in FY 2018-19. There would be no fiscal impact until that time. The estimated fiscal impact for each of the constitutionally mandated rounds of advertisements is \$1.3 – \$1.5 million for a full-page of advertising space. The total cost for publication, however, is highly dependent on both the actual size of the amendment and the number of proposed constitutional amendments approved by the General Assembly. The cost for two rounds of publication could occur in the same fiscal year if the next succeeding session of the General Assembly immediately passes the identical constitutional amendments.