

FISCAL NOTE

June 13, 2019

Bill No:	HB 1444	Printer's No:	1792	Sponsor:	Walsh (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2019-20	2020-21
General Fund	\$1.3 million to \$1.5 million	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Pennsylvania Constitution, in local government, providing for attendance at public meetings.

ANALYSIS: HB 1444 requires members of local governments to attend a minimum of fifty percent of all scheduled public meetings of the governing body in a calendar year in order to maintain eligibility for the position, with exceptions for illness or other employment.

If the member fails to meet the attendance threshold, the remaining members of the body may request the removal of the absentee member and the office shall be deemed vacant and filled according to existing law.

Constitutional amendments must be passed in two consecutive legislative sessions and approved through a referendum.

FISCAL IMPACT: Constitutional amendments carry a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million in two consecutive legislative sessions to comply with the advertising requirements of Section 1, Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.