

FISCAL NOTE

June 13, 2019

Bill No:	HB 1444	Printer's No:	2127	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 removal of municipal officers.

ANALYSIS: HB 1444 establishes the General Assembly may provide for the removal of elected officers of a municipality for cause as defined by the General Assembly, including absenteeism from meetings and derelict of duty. This provision shall not preclude the use of other constitutional provisions related to disqualification, impeachment or removal of municipal officers.

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.