



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 705

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
3 <sup>rd</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> Class County Funds	\$0	See Analysis

**SUMMARY:** Amends the “County Code” to permit the county commissioners to abolish the office of jury commissioner. This bill would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would amend the “County Code” to permit the county commissioners to abolish the office of jury commissioner by adopting a resolution abolishing the office. Upon approval of the resolution, the office shall expire at the end of the current jury commissioners’ term of office.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation provides the opportunity for a 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Class County the potential to save funds if they choose to eliminate the office of jury commissioner less any costs associated with new jury selection procedures.

According to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, the aggregate cost to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Class Counties that elect 2 jury commissioners is \$1,272,455 annually assuming that these officials retain their compensation. Depending on when the term of the office expires and if the commissioners choose to eliminate the office of jury commissioner, a county would realize those savings less any costs associated with new jury selection procedures.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*