



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1956

PRINTERS NO. 3181

PRIME SPONSOR: Harper

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
Municipal Funds	\$0	Minimal

**SUMMARY:** Creates a new Chapter 52 in Title 53 to require municipalities to host publicly noticed meetings when considering selling or leasing a sewer or water system. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation creates a new Chapter 52 in Title 53 to establish new public meeting requirements for cities, counties, townships, boroughs, incorporated towns, home rule municipalities, optional plan municipalities, or optional charter municipalities when considering a sale or leasing of a sewer or water system.

The legislation will require these entities to host at least one public meeting to discuss the potential sale or lease of a sewer or water system. Notice of this meeting must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks before the meeting is held in every municipality served by the sewer and water system. The notice also must be posted not more than 60 days or fewer than seven days prior to agreeing to the sale or lease of the water or sewer system.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would add a minimal cost to those municipalities that choose to sell or lease a sewer or water system as they would have to advertise the meeting twice in public newspapers in every municipality served by the sewer and water system. Any estimate of those costs is indeterminable at this point.

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