



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 867

PRINTER'S NO. 1017

PRIME SPONSOR: Kearney

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 867 amends Title 11 (Cities) to provide for city classification, make a repeal and make general editorial changes.

ANALYSIS:

This bill replaces and repeals the City Classification Law of 1895 to update and simplify the city classification process and permit Second Class A and Third-Class cities to remain in their current classification in most cases regardless of population changes unless they qualify for, and actively choose a change of class.

This bill maintains the governor's responsibility to certify that each city's population advances, recedes or maintains its current classification as a result of a decennial census. It also allows a city to:

- Maintain its current classification if it has adopted a home rule charter or optional charter, regardless of population;
- Require any city choosing to become a Second Class A City in the future to adopt a home rule charter seeking that designation explicitly; and
- Provide a long transition period into a change of class.

Finally, this bill would repeal the City Classification Law of 1895 and all classification decisions made under that act would remain unchanged until the next gubernatorial certification under this act.

This act would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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