

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 290

PRINTER'S NO. 2551

AMOUNT

Minimal Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 27, 2011

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HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, Jan. 27, 2011
Reported as amended, April 5, 2011
First consideration, April 5, 2011
Laid on the table, April 5, 2011
Removed from table, April 6, 2011
Second consideration, April 12, 2011
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, April 12, 2011
Re-reported as committed, April 13, 2011
Third consideration and final passage, April 13, 2011 (122-76)
(Remarks see House Journal Page 673), April 13, 2011
In the Senate
Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 25, 2011
Reported as amended, Sept. 27, 2011
First consideration, Sept. 27, 2011
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Sept. 28, 2011
Re-reported as amended, Oct. 17, 2011

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 290 amends the Second Class County Code (Act 230 of 1953) to increase the threshold for competitive bidding for purchases and contracts from \$10,000 to a base amount of \$18,500. The bill also increases the threshold for written or telephonic price quotations for contracts from \$4,000 to the base amount of \$10,000. Both thresholds would be subject to an annual inflation adjustment based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, limited to a maximum annual adjustment of 3% of the respective base amounts.

The legislation prescribes a method for determining annual inflation adjustments and would require the Department of Labor and Industry to annually calculate the percentage change in the CPI and publish notice of the adjustments in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Notice must be published prior to January 1 of each year.

The Act takes effect immediately and would apply to contracts and purchases advertised on or after January 1 of the year following the effective date of the Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs associated with the Department of Labor and Industry's duties under this act are expected to be minimal and capable of being absorbed within existing fiscal resources.