SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2265

PRINTER NO. 3437

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

DATE INTRODUCED

Municipal Funds

FUND

PRIME SPONSOR

May 3, 2024

Representative Donahue

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2265 amends Title 8 (Boroughs) to increase the maximum compensation schedules for borough mayors and council members.

The maximum compensation schedule for mayors increases as follows:

| Borough Population | Current Annual Maximum Compensation | HB 2265 Annual Maximum Compensation |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Not more than 4,999 | \$2,500 | \$4,190 |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | \$5,000 | \$8,385 |
| 10,000 to 14,999 | \$7,500 | \$12,575 |
| 15,000 or more | \$500 per 1,000 residents | \$840 per 1,000 residents |

The maximum compensation schedule for council members increases as follows:

| Borough Population | Current Annual Maximum Compensation | HB 2265 Annual Maximum Compensation |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Not more than 4,999 | \$1,875 | \$3,145 |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | \$2,500 | \$4,190 |
| 10,000 to 14,999 | \$3,250 | \$5,450 |
| 15,000 to 24,999 | \$4,125 | \$6,915 |
| 25,000 to 34,999 | \$4,375 | \$7,335 |
| 35,000 or more | \$5,000 | \$8,385 |

This legislation permits a borough to provide council member compensation on a permeeting basis based on the attendance of the council member. Additionally, this legislation provides that a borough is not required to reduce compensation due to a decrease in population.

This legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 2265 authorizes, but does not require, boroughs to increase the compensation of mayors and council members. Any increases must be established by ordinance and will be at the discretion of the borough council and mayor.