

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/18/2015

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2247

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

| | 2013-2015 Biennium | | 2015-2017 Biennium | | 2017-2019 Biennium | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | \$(2,079,000) | | \$2,310,000 | |
| Appropriations | | | \$(2,079,000) | | \$2,310,000 | |

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

| | 2013-2015 Biennium | 2015-2017 Biennium | 2017-2019 Biennium |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Counties | | | |
| Cities | | | |
| School Districts | | | |
| Townships | | | |

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill requires annual legislative sessions beginning in 2017.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

This bill requires the Legislative Assembly to meet for up to 50 days in each odd-numbered year and for at least 30 days in each even-numbered year. The total number of legislative days would still be limited to 80 over each two-year period. The bill includes a December 1, 2016, effective date.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The Legislative Assembly would be limited to meet for 50 legislative days in 2017. The 2015-17 biennium budget for the Legislative Assembly includes funding for an anticipated 77 legislative day session in 2017; therefore, there would be an estimated 27 fewer legislative days during the 2015-17 biennium. Based on an estimated cost of \$77,000 per legislative day, 2015-17 biennium expenditures would be reduced by \$2,079,000. This amount anticipates the Legislative Assembly would meet for 50 consecutive business days. For the 2017-19 biennium, the Legislative Assembly would meet for at least 30 days in 2018 and up to 50 days in 2019. Expenditures in 2017-19 would increase by an estimated \$2,310,000 for costs of 80 days in the 2017-19 biennium compared to the 50 days in the 2015-17 biennium. The anticipated additional costs reflect \$231,000 for an anticipated 3 additional legislative days, from a total of 77 to 80. Again, this amount anticipates the Legislative Assembly would meet for consecutive business days to complete its work each year. If the Legislative Assembly would choose to take extended breaks between legislative days, the costs for each session could increase significantly.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The 2015-17 biennium appropriation could be reduced by an estimated \$2,079,000 from the general fund to reflect 27 fewer legislative days during the 2017 legislative session as explained in the expenditures section above. The 2017-19 biennium appropriation would need to increase from the adjusted 2015-17 biennium appropriation level referred to above by an estimated \$2,310,000 from the general fund in anticipation of meeting for 30 legislative days in 2018 and 50 legislative days in 2019 as explained in the expenditures section above.

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