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H.B. 251  
(I\_133\_1206-2)  
133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly

## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** In House Civil Justice

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Lang and Hillyer

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It shortens the period of limitations for commencing a civil action as follows: (1) on a contract in writing generally from eight to six years, and (2) on a contract not in writing generally from six to four years.

To the extent, the bill creates any fiscal effect, it would involve the volume of actions before the common pleas, municipal, and county courts with jurisdiction over civil actions. By reducing the time frame in which action must be brought, it is possible that some cases may not be filed, or if filed dismissed, because the plaintiff(s) allowed the period of limitations to expire. Such outcomes create a savings effect on court operations, the magnitude of which is not readily measurable in terms of dollars and cents.

### Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

There are no discernible differences between the fiscal effects of the latest substitute version of the bill (I\_133\_1206-2) on the state and political subdivisions and those of the As Introduced version of the bill.