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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsor: Sen. Gavarone

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No** 

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## **Highlights**

Courts of common pleas may see a relatively small number of additional or more complex domestic relations or probate cases, with the related work and costs absorbed by existing judicial staff and appropriated resources. There should be no discernible ongoing fiscal effects on the courts.

## **Detailed Analysis**

The bill expands the ability of spouses to enter into agreements with each other to alter their legal relations and allows a court to terminate a decree of legal separation upon a motion signed by both spouses. The bill establishes postnuptial agreements and treats such agreements the same as antenuptial agreements, which are recognized under current law and commonly known as prenuptial agreements.

As a result of the bill, courts of common pleas may see a relatively small number of additional or more complex domestic relations or probate cases, with the related work and costs absorbed by existing judicial staff and appropriated resources. There would likely be a related negligible revenue gain in the form of court costs and fees. That said, there will be no discernible ongoing fiscal effect on a court's handling of domestic relations matters.