

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3059-01
Bill No.: SB 691
Subject: County Officials; Fees; Housing
Type: Original
Date: January 11, 2010

Bill Summary: This proposal would increase the fee collected to fund the county homeless person assistance program from \$3 to \$10, upon voter approval, if such a program has been created by the charter county.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	\$0 or \$546,000	\$0 or \$1,092,000	\$0 or \$1,092,000

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** state that since this money is collected and administered at the county level, there is no direct fiscal impact to their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** assume there would be no fiscal impact to their agency.

Officials from **St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds' Office** estimate the increase in the recording fee from \$3 to \$10 would generate an additional \$1,092,000 annually based on an estimated recording count of 156,000 X \$7 increase.

Oversight assumes the fiscal impact for FY 2011 may have six months of additional fees (\$1,092,000/2 = \$546,000); if the voters approve the change in November 2010, and the increase becomes effective January 1, 2011.

Officials from **Jackson County Recorder of Deeds' Office** state the fiscal impact to their county is undetermined. Officials state a recording fee adjustment creates a myriad of changes that must be put into place in order to announce, collect, credit and deposit such fees. Additionally, fee modifications involve real and opportunity costs associated with staff time and expenses related to preparation and distribution of announcements, amending system software, updating web site information, re-recording telephone information messages and overall staff training.

Officials state although significant time and effort are dedicated to alert submitters of an upcoming fee change, additional costs occur when documents are submitted with incorrect fee amounts. Such documents are rejected and returned to submitters who then resubmit the document involving a second review with a corrected fee.

Oversight assumes the fee increases provided for in this proposal would require voter approval. Therefore, Oversight will show the fiscal impact as \$0 or the amount estimated by St. Louis County.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State</u> <u>Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local</u> <u>Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM			

<u>Income</u> - To St. Louis County from recording fee increase from \$3 to \$10 - pending voter approval	<u>\$0 or \$546,000</u>	<u>\$0 or \$1,092,000</u>	<u>\$0 or \$1,092,000</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM	<u>\$0 or \$546,000</u>	<u>\$0 or \$1,092,000</u>	<u>\$0 or \$1,092,000</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act, upon voter approval, increases the fee collected by each recorder of deeds to fund the county homeless person assistance program from \$3 to \$10 if such a program has been created by the governing body of such charter county.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

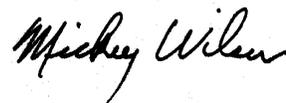
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Department of Health and Senior Services
Jackson County - Recorder of Deeds' Office
St. Louis County

Not Responding:
St. Charles County



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