

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4538-01
Bill No.: HB 1707
Subject: Public Health: Registrars
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Department of Health** stated they would have the following costs:

DHHS Costs:

Currently the registration districts within the state are divided to include 115 local health agencies to serve as local registrars. By allowing city health departments to serve as registrars within the same geographic locations, this proposal could add an additional 10 health agencies resulting in the need for one additional FTE by DHSS.

Personal Services:

An Office Support Assistant - Keyboarding would provide ongoing support for the additional local registrars including responding to telephone, fax and email inquiries; maintaining in-house supplies for distribution, completing supply requisitions, storing and retrieving documents and microfilm cartridges, conducting manual and computer searches; updating the computer system and making copies as necessary.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

E&E Costs:

Standard per FTE costs for 1 FTE are included in this estimate. The extra monitor allows better searching capabilities. Occasionally, certificates generated from the mainframe system may have what appears to be an error in spelling or a date. The two monitors are placed side-by-side allowing the employee to view data in the mainframe system and compare that with the imaged original certificate to determine if keying errors were made when entering the data in the mainframe system or if the birth certificate originally had an error on it. If there was a keying error, it can be quickly corrected and a certificate can be generated for the requestor.

Presently, DHSS prints approximately 600,000 birth certificates (\$50,000) and 300,000 death certificates (\$25,000) yearly for distribution to LPHAs at no cost to the local registrars. (50,000 + 25,000 = \$75,000) The certificates are distributed in bulk at a cost of \$6.33 per case. An average of 6 cases per month (4 birth certificates, 2 death certificates) are distributed to each agency for a total cost of \$456 annually. (6 x \$6.33 x 12 = \$456) Assuming 10 additional sites added as a result of the proposal, DHSS estimates an annual cost of \$4,560. (\$456 x 10 = \$4,560)

LOCAL REVENUE LOSS

During calendar year 2005, the 115 LPHAs issued 650,064 certified copies of vital records (156,000 death certificates and 494,064 birth certificates). Based on this data, DHSS assumes each LPHA would have an average revenue loss of approximately \$6,566 (\$5,155 for birth certificates; \$1,411 for death certificates).

494,064 birth certificates X \$15/certificate = \$7,410,960 Local Revenue 115 LPHAs = \$64,443
Revenue per LPHA (as Registrars); 494,064 birth certificates 125 Local Registrars (LPHAs +
City Health Departments) = \$59,288 Revenue per Local Registrar; \$64,443 - \$59,288 = \$5,155
Average loss to LPHAs

156,000 death certificates X \$13/certificate = \$2,028,000 Local Revenue 115 LPHAs = \$17,635
Revenue per LPHA (as Registrars); 156,000 death certificates 125 Local Registrars (LPHAs +
City Health Departments) = \$16,244 Revenue per Local Registrar; \$17,635 - 16,224 = \$1,411
Average loss to LPHAs

DHSS is unable to project the amount of revenue city health departments would collect under this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes the language in this proposal is permissive and therefore, no costs are assigned. **Oversight** assumes any potential costs anticipated by the Department of Health would need appropriation approval and would go through the budget process.

Officials of **St. Louis County** stated that this proposal would have no fiscal impact to the county.

Oversight assumes any revenues lost to county agencies would be gained by city agencies, netting local revenues to zero.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

Currently, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics may appoint local registrars, each of whom must be person employed by a county health agency. This act allows local registrars to be an employee of either a county or city health agency.

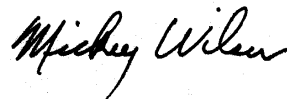
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health
St. Louis County Department of Health

NOT RESPONDING

Oversight sent response requests to all of the counties and cities on our response list and have received only one response.

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