

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5943-01  
Bill No.: HB 2243  
Subject: Counties; Fees; Political Subdivisions  
Type: Original  
Date: February 13, 2018

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies certain provisions relating to county recording fees.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Mississippi County Recorder of Deeds Office** assume this proposal could have an impact on this office if this bill isn't passed. That impact could be as much as \$45,000 to \$49,000 for the county general revenue. Should the "Statutory County Recorder's Fund" run dry then the impact would cost this county the amounts that was previous talked about. The Mississippi County Recorder's Office annual budget is in the neighborhood of \$70,000, so this would have a huge impact in the event that this fund should run dry. Back in 2002 several counties elected to split the offices of Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Deeds with the promise that the State would help subsidize those offices. This bill will not allow the counties to get their full subsidy, but will allow the counties to be able to continue receiving some support from the state.

**Oversight** inquired the Mississippi County Recorder of Deeds Office. If this proposal is enacted, there will be a decrease in the amount of subsidies received from the state for the County. The decrease would be a small impact to the County, between \$5,000 and \$7,000 per year. Oversight assumes that multiple counties could be affected from this legislation. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a potential unknown loss to County Recorder of Deeds Offices.

Officials at the **Department of Revenue** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at **St. Louis County** and the **St. Charles County Recorder's Office** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective entities from this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>COUNTY FUNDS</b>			
<u>Reduction</u> - Recorder of Deeds - modifying provisions of county subsidies on recorder fees	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b>\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b>\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides a method by which distributions from the statutory county recorder's fund will be allocated among counties if collections fall below distributions.

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

Mississippi County Recorder of Deeds Office  
Department of Revenue  
St. Louis County  
St. Charles County Recorder's Office

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