

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2496H.02C
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1125
Subject: County Officials; Easements and Conveyances; Fees; Surveyors
Type: Original
Date: March 21, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies fees for recording or copying certain documents presented for recording.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government*	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown

* Potential for an increase in revenue from recording fees.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§59.310 – Documents Presented for Recording

Oversight requested information from County Recorders’ Offices, County Clerks and County Commissioners; however, they did not respond to Oversight’s request for fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes this proposal modifies the fee schedule for recording a survey, subdivision plat, condominium plat or other drawing depicting the division of land prepared by a professional land surveyor. The bill also modifies the fee schedule for copying a drawing of the above-mentioned divisions of land.

Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Oversight is unaware of the number of documents that are submitted annually to the Recorder of Deeds Office for each county. There are 114 counties plus the City of St. Louis that have a recorder of deeds office. Oversight assumes this proposal is adding additional documents that may be recorded with a fee charged to those documents. There is the potential for an increase in revenue for each county recorders’ offices, but that amount is unknown. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will reflect a \$0 to unknown revenue for county recorder of deeds’ offices.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS’ OFFICE FUNDS			
<u>Revenue</u> – potential increase in documents recorded by each recorders’ office with new fee schedule §59.310	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS’ OFFICE FUNDS	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill modifies the fee schedule for recording a survey, subdivision plat, condominium plat, or other drawing depicting the division of land prepared by a professional land surveyor.

The bill also modifies the fee schedule for copying a drawing of the above-mentioned divisions of land. The fees are described by the size of the drawing and are provided in the bill.

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

Local political subdivisions did not respond to Oversight’s request for fiscal impact for this proposal.



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