

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 4437-03
Bill No.: Perfected SCS for SB 1220
Subject: County Officials: Compensation
Type: Original
Date: March 30, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	(\$840,000 or Unknown)	(\$840,000 or Unknown)	(\$840,000 or Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Jasper County Commission** assume the County's Salary Commission would have to approve any of the new maximum salaries allowed. Officials assume no fiscal impact unless the Salary Commission would approve the new salary structure.

Officials of the **Clay County Commission** assume the County's Salary Commission would have to approve the new salary allowed. Therefore, officials assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Mo. Department of Conservation** assume by restricting the County Clerks from keeping license fees would have no fiscal impact to the Commission.

Oversight assumes this proposal allows the reimbursement of training expenses and requires Counties to reimburse training expenses, subject to appropriation. **Oversight will show cost as \$0 or (Unknown) to counties.** Oversight assumes the payment of training expenses would be subject to appropriation by the County Commission.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes the provisions of Sections 54.320 **would require** counties to allow Treasurers Ex Officio Collectors in Third and Fourth Class Counties with a Township form of government “to employ not less than one full-time deputy”. Current law only states that the Treasurer is “entitled to employ deputies and assistants”.

Oversight assumes in Third and Fourth Class Counties, with a Township form of government, that currently do not allow the Treasurer Ex Officio Collector one Deputy, would be required to allow the Treasurer Ex Officio Collector one Deputy. Oversight assumes those counties would have salary cost of at least one Deputy. Oversight will show costs as \$0 if a county currently allows one Deputy, or Unknown if the county must provide salary for one Deputy.

Oversight checked with officials of the Secretary of State’s Office and determined there are 112 counties that have a County Clerk. The other counties and the City of St. Louis have Boards of Election Commissions. Oversight assumes if each County Clerk were to receive \$7,500 additional salary, **the fiscal impact on a statewide basis would be 112 x \$7,500 = \$840,000 annually.** (Section 51.283)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007

**CERTAIN COUNTIES GENERAL
 REVENUE FUND**

**Cost to Certain Counties General
 Revenue Fund**

additional compensation to County Clerks	<u>(\$840,000)</u>	<u>(\$840,000)</u>	<u>(\$840,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO CERTAIN COUNTIES GENERAL REVENUE FUND (section 51.283)	<u>(\$840,000)</u>	<u>(\$840,000)</u>	<u>(\$840,000)</u>

CERTAIN COUNTIES GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Cost to Certain Counties

reimbursement of training cost for certain county officials (various sections) **	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
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Cost to Certain Counties

providing one Deputy for Treasurer Ex Officio Collector, Township Counties (Sec. 54.320.1) **	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COUNTIES)	<u>(\$840,000 or Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$840,000 or Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$840,000 or Unknown)</u>
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**** Counties currently reimbursing training expenses to certain officials, or providing a Deputy Treasurer in certain counties would have no fiscal impact.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that certain county officials may receive if the salary commission decides to increase salaries. The act equalizes the maximum amount of compensation that certain county officials may receive. This act also extends the assessed valuation tables upon which the salaries are based to include higher assessed values in the counties.

This act requires that expenses incurred for training of certain county officials be reimbursed.

SECTION 49.082 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the county commissioner in all counties, except charter counties and certain counties of the first classification.

SECTION 50.334 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the recorder of deeds in all counties, except charter counties.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

SECTION 50.343 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation for certain county officials and extends the assessed valuation table upon which the salaries are based to include higher assessed values in the counties.

SECTION 51.281 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation for the county clerk in all counties, except first class counties.

SECTION 51.283 - This act allows the election authority in each county that does not have a board of election commissioners to receive an additional \$7,500 to perform duties in compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

SECTION 52.269 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the county collector in all counties, except charter counties.

SECTION 53.082 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the county assessor in all counties, except those of the first classification.

SECTION 54.261 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the county treasurer in all counties, except charter counties.

SECTION 54.320 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the county treasurer ex officio collector in third and fourth class township counties.

This act also allows the treasurer ex officio collector of such counties to employ no less than one full time deputy. The treasurer ex officio collector may employ as many deputies and assistants as necessary.

SECTION 55.091- This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by County Auditors in all counties, except charter counties and other certain first class counties.

SECTION 56.265 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by part-time prosecutors in all counties, except charter counties.

SECTION 57.317 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the county sheriff in all counties, except charter counties.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

SECTION 58.095 - This act increases the maximum amount of compensation that may be received by the county coroner in all counties, except those with a charter form of government.

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

Jasper County Commission
Clay County Commission

NOT RESPONDING:

Numerous counties on Oversight's respondents list did not respond.



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