

You will chair for the following bill.

AB 158 – Fees for Recording Certain Plats

Recommendation

Support the bill in its current form.

Bill History

Introduced on 03/06/97 by Ladwig/Plache; passage recommended by Assembly Committee on Government Operations (5-4) on 04/17/97; passed Assembly on 05/22/97 (voice vote); concurrence recommended by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations (5-0) on 10/22/97; referred to JFC on 11/18/97 in the Senate.

Executive Action Needed

Act on any amendments introduced today.
Recommend passage.

Note

This bill would allow register of deeds statewide to make a uniform increase to the fees for recording plats of land. The current graduated fee system would be eliminated, and the new fees would be \$50 across the board for recording cemetery, subdivision or condominium plats.

Jane Licht, Dane County Register of Deeds, was particularly outspoken about the bill. (See attached memo from her.) Of course, the bill was referred in the Senate because it would increase county revenues by approximately \$17,500 per year on subdivision plats alone. The revenue increases associated with cemetery and condominium plats cannot be determined.

Furthermore, you should note the close Assembly Committee vote on the bill (5-4). The assertion that the bill is non controversial seems a bit overstated when you take into account that Committee's action.

Overall, the fee structure seems reasonable, and Fiscal Bureau doesn't seem to have any problems with the bill.



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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 158: Fees for Recording Certain Plats

On May 22, 1997, Assembly Bill 158 passed the Assembly on a voice vote, and on October 22, 1997, the bill was recommended for passage by the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations by a vote of 5 to 0.

BACKGROUND

Developers of subdivisions, cemeteries or condominiums are required to record a plat of the land with the register of deeds of the county in which the land is located. A plat is a survey map of the land to be developed which designates certain areas of the land as building sites (or lots for cemeteries and subdivisions), parks, roads and nonbuildable areas. Other materials such as state certification documents must also be included in the record with the plat. Fees for recording plats which contain lots are as follows:

\$25 for plats containing one to 50 lots, except for cemetery plats, plus 10 cents for each additional lot over 50.

\$25 for cemetery plats containing one to 200 lots, or fractional part of such lots, plus \$5 for each additional 200 lots, or fractional part of such lots.

Fees for condominium plats, which are not divided into lots, are based on the general per page fees that are assessed when recording other types of instruments with the register of deeds; these fees are \$10 for the first page and \$2 for each additional page.

