

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 01-2469/1	Introduction Number SB-101	Estimate Type Original
Subject Residency requirements for taking the deputy sheriff examination		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 101 24 deletes the requirement that persons taking examinations for deputy sheriff positions, in counties other than Milwaukee County, be residents of the state for at least one year.

It is assumed that deleting the one-year residency requirement will increase the applicant pool for deputy sheriff positions. A larger number of applicants might reduce county costs by decreasing the length of time positions are vacant because a greater number of qualified persons are eligible to apply. The Department of Employment Relations (DER) cannot estimate the possible savings.

Increasing the number of applicants tested in one examination increases the total costs of administering that examination, but not one for one. Economies of scale are realized with larger groups of candidates. Counties have the option of administering their own tests or requesting testing by the department's Wisconsin City and County Testing Service (WCCTS). When WCCTS administers a test, fees charged for each test taker go down by increments. So, to test 1 to 10 applicants, WCCTS charges \$13.50 per test, but a minimum of \$100. To test 11 to 50 applicants, WCCTS charges \$135 for the first 10 and \$12.50 for each additional applicant over 10. The per applicant rate continues to drop until the rate reaches \$8 for each applicant over 220. Counties can pool their resources and have an examination administered for positions in several counties at the same time. DER cannot estimate the amount of increased costs or savings that will result from deleting the residency requirement.

There is no fiscal effect on DER from this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications