

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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 Supplemental

LRB Number 09-3216/1		Introduction Number AB-0468	
Description Municipal court fees			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts			
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would increase the maximum court fee that a municipal court may charge from the current limit of \$28 to \$38. Municipalities are allowed to set the court fee at a level of not less than \$15 and no more than the statutory maximum. The municipality is required to submit \$5 of each fee collected to the secretary of administration, and the municipality retains the balance.

An accurate estimate of the increased revenues that could be raised under this bill is impossible with existing data. Most municipal courts submit an annual report detailing the number of traffic and other related cases are disposed of each year. But these reports are not submitted by all municipal courts, nor are these reports audited.

The data from the annual reports that were submitted for the calendar year 2008 show those courts disposed of 246,817 traffic cases and 74,768 adult non-traffic cases by way of forfeiture, default, guilty plea or no contest. Those cases would appear to be subject to the provisions of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications