

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 11-3612/1		Introduction Number AB-0507	
Description Authorizing cities, villages, and towns to retain certain unclaimed funds in a public treasury			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <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

Under current law, in every odd-numbered year, every municipal officer, county officer, and clerk of a court of record must provide a report to the county treasurer which lists all persons for whom the officer or clerk holds money or security that has not been claimed for at least one year. The county treasurer must publish a legal notice for 3 consecutive weeks that contains the names and last-known address of the owners of at least \$10 of unclaimed money or security. If the money or security is not claimed within 6 months, the county treasurer takes possession of the money or security (including amounts held by municipalities) and deposits these amounts in the county general fund. If the money is not claimed within 10 years, the money or security becomes the property of the county.

Under the bill, money or security that is in the possession of a municipal officer is retained by the municipality. Thus, if the property is not claimed within 6 months, the money or security is deposited in the municipal general fund. If the money or security is not claimed within 10 years, the money or security becomes the property of the municipality.

The financial report forms filed by counties and municipalities with the Department of Revenue (DOR) do not identify the amount of unclaimed funds held by counties under current law. As a result, the DOR is unable to provide a precise estimate of the affect the bill could have on county holdings of unclaimed funds.

The information provided by most counties on their web sites or in their published legal notices on unclaimed funds contains only the required information -- the name of the person for whom funds are being held and the last known address of that person. There are 16 counties' where the web sites or published legal notices provide information on the amount of funds held. Based on these 16 counties' data, it is estimated that the statewide total of unclaimed funds for all 72 counties is in the range of \$4 million to \$6 million. Based on data for Milwaukee County, it is estimated that from 2% to 3% of these funds are municipalities' unclaimed funds. As a result, it is estimated that the amount of unclaimed funds that municipalities will be allowed to take possession of under the bill ranges from \$80,000 (2% of \$4 million) to \$180,000 (3% of \$6 million). The amount of unclaimed funds that counties take possession of will decrease by an equal amount.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$see text
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