

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

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| LRB Number 17-4135/1 | Introduction Number SB-426 |
| Description provider of last resort obligations of certain telecommunications providers | |
| Fiscal Effect | |
| State: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts | |
| Fund Sources Affected | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS | |
| Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations | |
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

As part of 2011 Act 22, the Legislature removed the requirement that incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs; AT&T as an example) provide basic voice service available to all residential customers within its local exchange area. Wisconsin Stat. § 196.503 sunset as of April 30, 2013, and there is currently no provider of last resort obligations for WI ILECs. 2011 Act 22 largely, but not entirely, removed the Commission's regulatory authority over telecommunications utilities based on increased competition and new technology in the telecommunications world.

SB 426 would reinstate the provider of last resort obligations for WI ILECs, remove a previous waiver process, and give the Commission a new discretionary complaint/investigation and enforcement authority over ILECs to ensure they comply with the reinstated requirement to provide basic voice service through the use of any technology or mode.

SB 426 increases the regulatory authority of the Commission over ILECs, it is anticipated that this would require additional staff time and resources to recreate these functions at the Commission.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

indeterminate