

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **05-2062/2** Introduction Number **AB-201**

Subject
Compatibility of offices; firefighters, medical examiners, coroners

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns
 - Counties
 - School Districts
 - Village
 - Others
 - WTCS Districts
 - Cities

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS

Agency/Prepared By DHFS/ Ellen Hadidian (608) 266-8155	Authorized Signature Andy Forsaith (608) 266-7684	Date 4/18/2005
--	---	--------------------------

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DHFS 4/18/2005

LRB Number 05-2062/2	Introduction Number AB-201	Estimate Type Original
Subject Compatibility of offices; firefighters, medical examiners, coroners		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law a coroner, deputy coroner, or medical examiner may also serve as a volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT), first responder, or volunteer fire fighter. However, no individual serving as a coroner who also serves in a volunteer capacity as a fire fighter, EMT, or first responder, may participate as a coroner in any case in which he or she is also required to participate in one of these volunteer capacities. If a conflict of interest occurs, the deputy coroner is required to act as the coroner. If there is no deputy coroner, the coroner must request assistance from a nearby county.

Under this bill, the provisions in current law regarding conflicts of interest involving a coroner are extended to medical examiners serving in a volunteer capacity as EMT, first responder, or fire fighter. The bill also extends the provisions regarding conflict of interest which currently apply to a deputy coroner to a medical examiner's assistant. The bill also provides that anyone serving in the capacity of coroner, deputy coroner, or medical examiner may also serve as a paid or volunteer EMT, first responder, or fire fighter. Finally, AB 201 also amends the requirement regarding a request for assistance from a "nearby" county to specify that, in situations in which a conflict of interest arises, a request must be made for assistance from "another" county.

It is possible that this bill will result in some savings for local governments in areas of the state where there are limited professional personnel. Individuals who are now coroners, deputy coroners, or medical examiners can now become paid fire fighters, EMTs and first responders. These individuals will have received some training in emergency health and safety issues as coroners or medical examiners, and, as a result, the training costs for these individuals in their new capacities may be less expensive for the local government.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications