

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	05-1267/1	Introduction Number	AB-264	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Increasing municipal court filing fees					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the upper limit that municipal courts may impose in court costs for actions brought before the court. Currently, municipal courts may impose a fee of not less than \$15 nor more than \$23 for most actions brought before the court. This bill would raise the upper limit that may be imposed from \$23 to \$28.

Of each fee imposed under this section, the municipality pays \$5 to the state for deposit into the general fund. The municipality retains the balance. AB 264 does not change this provision; the state would continue to receive \$5 of the fee and the municipality would retain the balance.

There are about 220 municipal courts in Wisconsin. Because each municipality is allowed to set its own level of court costs within the statutory limits, there is no way to predict how much more revenue would be raised under the provisions of this bill.

In 2003, the most recent year for which data is available, there were 480,162 cases disposed of by forfeiture, default, guilty plea or no contest plea in municipal courts. It appears nearly all of these cases are subject to court costs and thus could be subject to the higher costs allowed by this bill. If all municipal courts were to increase its allowable costs by \$5 in response to this bill, then approximately \$2.4 million would be raised. The municipalities would retain all the revenue. The amount of revenue that would be raised depends on how many municipalities choose to increase their costs and by how much of the new allowable limit they raise them.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 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, ets.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$Indeterminate
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