

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	05-1739/3	Introduction Number	SB-51	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Filing and recording items with a register of deeds; real estate descriptions; tax liens					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill makes changes to the laws governing operations of county registers of deeds. Several of the changes involve technical changes to the law which serve to conform statutes to modern practices and which have no fiscal effect. Two changes could have an effect on county finances. (1) Currently, a county board may, by ordinance, set a cut-off time by which documents filed for recording must be received in the register of deeds office. The bill increases the allowable cut-off time from a half-hour before the office closes to one hour before the office closes. (2) Currently, a county highway commissioner is required to keep a county highway register which records the laying out, alteration, or discontinuance of all highways in a county outside of villages and cities. This record must be kept in the county register of deeds office. The bill would allow this record to be kept at another location in the county as long as that location provides a safe repository and public access.

To the extent that a county takes advantage of the proposed law changes, the bill could permit counties to operate more efficiently, thereby reducing costs. The Department of Revenue does not have information which would permit a reasonable estimate of these potential cost savings.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications