

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 07-0554/3	Introduction Number AB-0253	Estimate Type Original
Description The apportionment of law enforcement services costs among counties and municipalities		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If enacted, AB-253 would exempt a city, village, or town (municipality), or a group of municipalities from paying the portion of the county tax levy that is used for any part of the county sheriff's department patrol and investigative services if that municipality or municipalities provide(s) law enforcement services for 24 hours per day. The bill excludes any county with a population of 500,000 or more; at this time only Milwaukee County.

According to the Wisconsin Police Chiefs Association, there are approximately 650 police departments in Wisconsin. Since 24-hour on-call availability is provided by each police department, any or all of the departments could certify eligibility for the municipality to be exempt from the sheriff's portion of the county tax levy.

Currently, there are arrangements between the police departments and the county sheriffs to provide routine patrol services and assist with investigations. According to the Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association, if the municipality were to file for exemption of the tax levy, any services provided by the sheriff would then need to be billed to the municipality.

Currently, data is not available to confirm how many municipalities provide law enforcement services for 24 hours per day or what patrol and investigative services provided by a county sheriff's department would cost a municipality. Therefore, the cost of this bill is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.