

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>07-0271/4</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-258</b>
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 governance of metropolitan sewerage districts created by 1st class cities; popular election of metropolitan sewerage commissions in other sewerage districts, town sanitary district commissions, governing boards of local exposition, local professional baseball park, professional football stadium, and cultural arts districts, and technical college district boards; providing an exemption from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; and granting rule-making authority

**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
    - 2.  Decrease Costs
    - 3.  Increase Revenue
    - 4.  Decrease Revenue
  - Permissive  Mandatory
    - Permissive  Mandatory
    - Permissive  Mandatory
    - Permissive  Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
- Towns     Village     Cities
  - Counties     Others    Metropolitan Sewerage Districts
  - School Districts     WTCS Districts

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.511	

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation requires the election of all board members in metropolitan sewerage districts, town sanitary districts, technical college districts, professional baseball park districts, professional football stadium districts, exposition center districts and cultural art center districts. Currently only members of certain town sanitary districts are elected.

The 144 elected members of the 16 technical college districts, 11 elected members of the Milwaukee metropolitan sewerage district long with the 13 members of the professional baseball park district and the 8 elected members of the professional football stadium district file nomination papers along with campaign finance documents with the Government Accountability Board.

As a result of this legislation the Government Accountability Board will be required to make several changes in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) to reflect the new political subdivision and elected offices. New fields will have to be added to the application for the new office type and the new political subdivisions. This will require approximately 240 hours of GAB staff time.

When a new district is created, SVRS municipal records will have to be changed to link the new districts and new elective offices to the applicable wards and addresses. This will require work by GAB staff and the local election official responsible for maintaining the applicable voter records. The amount of time and resources required will vary by the size and complexity of the new districts.

There are currently 314 town sanitary districts and 7 metropolitan sewerage districts. Some of the sanitary districts elect board members, but many do not. SVRS records reflect 182 municipalities with elected sanitary districts board members, but many sanitary districts are in more than one municipality. This means that election of all sanitary district board members will impact more than 314 municipalities.

The election of these Board members will increase the workload for the Government Accountability Board which serves as the filing officer for these new elective offices. The cost to the Government Accountability Board would manifest itself in staff time to review nomination papers, determine ballot order, certify candidates for ballot placement, canvass and certify election results, process campaign registration statements and other ballot access documents, and audit campaign finance reports. The agency will also have to modify the Statewide Voter Registration System to reflect the new offices and ballot combinations for voters and election officials.

When the State Elections Board (SEB) became the filing officer for the office of District Attorney (which added 71 offices), we required one additional staff person to accommodate the increased workload. The addition of 192 additional offices will require two additional staff positions. Two FTE Election Specialists would require an increase of \$159,300 to cover, salary, fringe, support and initial set up costs. for the first full year.

County clerks will have additional costs for ballot preparation, coding voting equipment and notice publication. They will also have additional costs for canvassing the municipal election returns and certifying the results to the GAB.

Municipal election officials will have the cost of counting votes for additional offices. They will also have enter and track the numerous district assignments for voters in the Statewide Voter Registration System.

In addition city clerks in metropolitan sewerage districts, other than the Milwaukee metropolitan sewerage

district; town clerks with town sanitary districts; city clerks with exposition center districts and cultural art center districts; will incur significant staff time to review nomination papers, determine ballot order, certify candidates for ballot placement, canvass and certify election results, process campaign registration statements and other ballot access documents, and review campaign finance reports. They will also have additional costs for ballot preparation, coding voting equipment, notice publication and certifying election results.

These costs cannot be quantified but will present a significant burden on local election officials. Many of these positions are staffed by a single part-time employee who has other responsibilities.

These election support costs will continue after the implementation of the election of the initial Boards. This will require continued funding of the additional GAB staff in the amount of \$148,700 annually and continued costs or counties and other local governments for ballot preparation, coding voting equipment, notice publication and certifying election results.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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There will be ongoing local government staff time to review nomination papers, determine ballot order, certify candidates for ballot placement, canvass and certify election results, process campaign registration statements and other ballot access documents, and review campaign finance reports.