

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-1152/1	Introduction Number AB-0153
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Description
 aggrieved parties petitioning for a recount and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<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 20.510(1)(g)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

ELEC 4/18/2017

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would authorize and require the Elections Commission to recoup its costs in supervising a recount related to a state of federal office, as part of the recount fee which is collected from a petitioning candidate. The estimated fiscal impact is impossible to determine due to the expected rarity of such cases and the wide range of costs that might be incurred depending upon the type of recount involved. Recount petitions requiring a recount fee are the exception because the losing candidate must overcome a greater margin and is less likely to prevail.

In recounts involving state offices in a jurisdiction of one or several counties, the Commission staff typically is not required to provide significant administrative support apart from issuing the recount order, conducting a teleconference with county clerks involved in the recount, and responding to a small number of inquiries. During the 2016 Presidential recount, however, Commission staff was heavily involved in the process for several weeks and itemized staff costs of over \$23,000. The actual staff costs were likely close to double of the documented costs. In such cases, while rare, the bill would have a significant impact on the agency's ability to supervise the recount process without affecting its budget or other agency priorities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Due to the rarity of recount contests involving both a recount fee as well as significant agency staff time, the agency does not expect significant fiscal implications on an ongoing or long-term basis.