

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-4991/1	Introduction Number	SB-639	Estimate Type	Original
Description the authority of political subdivisions to regulate rental properties and historic properties and of municipalities to inspect dwellings, public utility service to rental dwelling units, landlord and tenant regulations, fees imposed by a political subdivision, certain levy limit reductions, certain procedural changes in eviction actions, information available on the consolidated court automated Internet site, discrimination in housing against individuals who keep certain animals, falsely claiming an animal to be a service animal, municipal administrative procedure, enforcement of the rental unit energy efficiency program, and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if gas, electric or water service is measured jointly for two or more rental dwelling units, the owner shall maintain the account for gas, electric or water service in the name of the owner or in the name of the agent responsible for the collection of rent and the management of the rental dwelling units. Under this bill, if requested by the owner the owner of a rental dwelling unit, a public utility that provides electric service to a tenant residing in the unit shall notify the owner no later than five days before disconnecting service based on the tenant's nonpayment of past due charges. The bill also prohibits a public utility from requiring the owner of a rental dwelling unit to provide proof of eviction or other evidence that a tenant has vacated the unit as a condition for providing or resuming public utility service to the unit.

In addition, this bill provides that a municipal utility may only use certain procedures for collecting arrearages for service provided to a customer of a rental dwelling unit if the utility is in compliance with the requirement that it send bills for water or electric service to a tenant in the tenant's own name.

No state fiscal impact is anticipated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Not applicable