

1999 Session

FISCAL ESTIMATE

ORIGINAL UPDATED

DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.

LRB 1177/1

AB 127

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

The authority of certain towns to become urban towns.

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
- Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No Local Government Costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

- Towns Villages Cities
- Counties Others
- School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, towns may be authorized by the residents to exercise certain powers of a village, with the exception of powers that conflict with the statutes governing towns. Some of the powers that cannot be exercised include: (1) creation of a tax incremental financing district; (2) annexation of territory; (3) exercise of extraterritorial zoning; or (4) enact zoning ordinances without county board approval, if there is a county zoning ordinance. The town is subject to annexation and extraterritorial zoning by a city or village.

This bill allows a town that exercises village powers to pass a resolution, subject to referendum approval, to declare itself an urban town only after its attempt to consolidate or incorporate fails. The town must meet the following criteria: (1) the population is at least 7,500; (2) the equalized value of the town exceeds a total \$360 million and \$40,000 per person; (3) the town provides 24 hours a day police, fire and emergency services; (4) at least 30 percent of the residents receive water and sanitary sewage services from one of several entities; and (6) the town board consists of five supervisors. An urban town may exercise certain zoning powers and is exempt from being subject to certain city and village annexation and extraterritorial powers.

If a town board adopts a resolution to become an urban town, it must call a referendum to approve the resolution. The referendum can be held at the next spring or September primaries or elections, or the town may conduct a special referendum.

There currently are approximately seven towns that meet some or most of the criteria for an urban town. There is likely to be a cost increase to the towns that decide to proceed with becoming an urban town. The costs that will be incurred are those associated with conducting a special referendum, if the town decides to hold a special one rather than waiting until a primary or election. It is likely these costs will be minimal. The precise fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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I. One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringe	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations-Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$ -
. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
I. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$ -

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ _____	\$ Indeterminable
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ _____	\$ _____

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