

**FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM**

1999 Session

- ORIGINAL
- CORRECTED
- UPDATED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

**LRB # - 0354/1**

**AB 183**

Admin. Rule #

**Subject**

Definitions of "blighted area" and "blighted property" under the blighted area law

**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
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Create New Appropriation
- 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

- 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:**

This bill will have no state fiscal effect on the Department of Commerce.

The bill broadens the definition of "blighted area" to include "environmental pollution" and authorizes a city or village, under the blighted area law and the Blight Elimination and Slum Clearance Act, to enter blighted property to make environmental investigations and to obtain, under the blight area law, a court order to do so in the event that entry is denied or resisted. This bill is likely to increase local government costs due to the broadening of the "blighted area" definition, and thus, the authority for a city or village to undertake some additional projects. These costs will involve administrative and implementation expenses incurred in undertaking and implementing the projects. In addition, there are likely to be additional costs related to the environmental investigations and to the administrative costs involved in obtaining and pursuing a court order. Nonetheless, it is not possible to provide a precise estimate of the cost increase, if any, because the authority to undertake environmental pollution projects is permissive, and it is also not possible to provide an estimate of the number of instances in which it will be necessary to obtain a court order. Therefore, the local fiscal effect is indeterminable.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications:**

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