

**FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM**

**1999 Session**

- ORIGINAL     UPDATED  
 CORRECTED     SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # - 3350/3

INTRODUCTION # SB 252

Admin. Rule #

**Subject**

Authorize Counties to Make Payments in Lieu of Taxes to Local Governments on Unimproved Lands

**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, a county may make a payment in lieu of property taxes to a municipality and school district for the following types of property: a county or municipal airport, a county or state charitable or penal institution, a county farm, or state-owned land used for agricultural purposes. The payment equals the amount of taxes that would have been levied by the municipality and school district on the land, without buildings, if the land had been privately owned.

Under the bill, a county may also make a payment in lieu of taxes to a municipality and school district for the taxes that would have been levied on county-owned unimproved land.

**Local Fiscal Effect.** For counties that choose to make a payment under the bill, the bill's fiscal effect is the sum of the tax rates for the municipality and school district in which the unimproved land is located times the assessed value of the unimproved property. Most county-owned unimproved land is located in towns.

The 1998 statewide average town tax rate was \$2.52 per \$1,000 of value and the 1998 statewide average school district tax rate in towns was \$10.63 per \$1,000 of value. Thus, for each \$100,000 of county-owned unimproved property, a county on average would pay a total of \$1,315, of which \$252 would go to towns and \$1,063 would go to school districts.

The bill will have no fiscal effect in counties that do not choose to make a payment under the provisions of the bill.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications:**

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