

FISCAL ESTIMATE  
DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

Subject

Full WECF Funding for Supreme Court Campaigns

Fiscal Effect

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

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

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

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

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

20.510

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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March 22, 1999

**1999 LRB 2330/1****Assumptions:**

This legislation creates a supplement to the Supreme Court account of the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund (WECF). The supplement is funded by a \$1 increase in filing fees for selected court actions.

For the purpose of this fiscal estimate it is assumed that the taxpayer checkoff will generate \$315,000 annually for the WECF. In years that there is a Supreme Court race 8% of this amount, \$25,200, will be set aside for that contest. In order to fund two candidates, an additional \$168,862 will be needed in years where there is a contested Supreme Court election. It is unknown whether the increased revenue from filing fees will make up that difference.

**Long-Range:**

The amount necessary to provide a maximum WECF grant will vary based on the amount that accumulates in the Supreme Court account through the taxpayer checkoff. There is never more than one Supreme Court race in a calendar year. Not all Supreme Court races are contested. If spending limits are increased as a result of campaign finance reform initiatives, the amount needed to provide a maximum grants for two candidates will also increase.

**FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET**

AB 234 1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect DOA-2047 (R10/94)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL	<input type="checkbox"/> UPDATED	LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.	Amendment No.
	<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL	1999 LRB-2330/1	

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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
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>	\$	\$ -
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		
(FTE Position Changes)	( FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	168,862.00	-
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$ 168,862.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S	168,862.00	-
<b>III. State Revenues -</b>	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S	Unknown	-
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$ Unknown</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT**

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ 168,862.00	\$ _____
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ 168,862.00	\$ _____

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