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Subject

Animal control services in Milwaukee County

Fiscal Effect

State:

☐ No State Fiscal Effect
☐ Indeterminate
- ☐ Increase Existing Appropriations
- ☐ Decrease Existing Appropriations
- ☐ Create New Appropriations
- ☐ 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
☒ Indeterminate
1. ☒ Increase Costs ☒ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
2. ☒ Decrease Costs ☒ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
3. ☒ Increase Revenue ☒ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☒ Decrease Revenue ☒ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
- ☒ Towns ☒ Village ☒ Cities
- ☒ Counties ☐ Others
- ☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would only apply to counties with a population of 500,000 or more, i.e. Milwaukee County.

The bill would allow the formation of an intergovernmental commission that would take over what are currently county responsibilities in dog licensing.

If all of the municipalities in a county with a population of 500,000 or more (Milwaukee County) form an intergovernmental commission for the purpose of providing animal control services, the county and the intergovernmental commission may enter into an agreement under which the intergovernmental commission assumes the county's responsibilities related to dog licensing. The bill allows the intergovernmental commission to issue dog licenses for any municipality that authorizes the intergovernmental commission to do so.

The fiscal impact cannot be determined, but would probably be insignificant. The fiscal impact cannot be accurately determined because for any changes to occur, all of the municipalities in the county must agree to form the intergovernmental commission.

Since the county's clerk and treasurer would have a slight reduction in their duties, the costs for the county would be slightly reduced. If all of the municipalities agree to establish the intergovernmental commission, there would be a very slight increase in cost related to making the change. But costs to a municipality will be slightly decreased for license collection activities, if its governing body elects to have the intergovernmental commission collect the dog license fees.

Currently, as of March 1 of any year, if there's a surplus in excess of $1,000 in the dog license fund from the license payments of the previous year, the county must pay the excess over $1,000 to an organization providing a pound for the county, or, if there is no such organization, must return the excess to the municipalities.

Under this bill, if an intergovernmental commission assumes the county's responsibilities related to dog licensing, and there is a surplus in excess of 5% of the payments made the year previous to March 1 of any year, the intergovernmental commission must return the excess over 5% to the municipalities.

The difference (between $1,000 and 5% of dog license payments) in revenue allocation to municipalities would not be significant.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications