

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 03-0533/2	Introduction Number AB-59
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Subject
 Prohibit name changes by sex offenders

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits a person required to register as a sex offender in Wisconsin from changing his or her name from the name used to register with the Department of Corrections. A person violating this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both.

According to Department of Health and Family Services staff, they are required to change the name of any person born in Wisconsin if directed to do so by a court. DHFS staff estimate they processed 1,375 name changes (excluding changes for misspellings) during FY02 for Wisconsin residents and 150 for citizens born in Wisconsin who currently live outside the state. Names are also changed through marriage although DHFS staff do not track those changes.

If the Department assumes that the same percentage of sex offenders apply for a name change as general citizens, this would affect approximately 5 sex offenders per year. If this becomes a criminal offense, any sex offender who changes his/her name could be convicted of a crime and placed on probation (increased state costs of 1900/yr per offender) and/or sentenced to jail (increased county costs). We are not able to estimate the net fiscal impact from this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications