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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

LOCAL FISCAL EFFECT

This bill makes the following changes to current law regarding annexations by villages and cities of land from towns.

- (1) The bill simplifies the cooperative boundary agreement procedure by replacing the requirement for a detailed discussion of planning with a requirement that the agreement is consistent with the participating municipalities' comprehensive plans.
- (2) The bill creates a means by which a municipality can request mediation for the development of a boundary agreement with a neighboring municipality. A municipality that refuses to enter into such mediation will lose its ability to contest certain annexations of its territory.
- (3) The bill limits the use of court-ordered stipulations in territorial disputes to only the territory involved in the dispute.
- (4) The bill encourages municipalities to settle boundary disagreements by using the alternative dispute resolution process. The Department of Administration would be required to maintain an online list of professionals qualified to perform such resolution processes.
- (5) The bill clarifies current law by expressly permitting municipalities to enter into boundary agreements under the general intergovernmental cooperation statute.

These law changes were developed in the expectation that they will reduce the number of annexation disputes and encourage the use of boundary agreements between the state's municipalities. The Department of Revenue (DOR) does not have information that would permit a reasonable estimate of the reduction in annexation disputes or the number of boundary agreements that this bill would engender. It is therefore not possible to estimate the reduction in local costs that this bill could engender.

STATE FISCAL EFFECT

The bill has no effect on DOR's administrative procedures or workload. However, the bill may have an affect on other departments' administrative procedures and workload.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications