

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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LRB Number 09-1033/1	Introduction Number SB-040
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Description
 Public financing of campaigns for the office of justice of the supreme court, making appropriations, and providing penalties

Fiscal Effect

State:

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

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	5.Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others 0
	2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS s. 20.855(4)(b), s. 20.855(4)(ba)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Wisconsin election campaign fund (WECF) is financed through designations made by taxpayers on their individual income tax forms. Every individual filing an income tax return, whether receiving a refund or possessing a tax liability, may designate \$1 of general purpose revenue for transfer to the WECF. Individuals filing a joint return may each separately choose to designate \$1 for transfer to the fund. All moneys transferred to the fund are placed in accounts for specified state offices (including justice of the supreme court), and candidates for those offices may qualify for grants from the fund to be used for specified campaign expenses. No moneys in the fund may be used for any other purpose.

This bill excludes candidates for justice of the supreme court from receiving funds from the WECF, but also creates the democracy trust fund (DTF) specifically for financing elections for justice of the supreme court. The bill changes the individual income tax designation amount for the WECF from \$1 to \$3 and stipulates that designated amounts are allocated between the WECF (one-third) and the DTF (two-thirds).

Based on WECF checkoff donations made on 2007 returns, approximately 202,000 taxpayers designated the \$1 transfer under current law. Assuming the same number of taxpayers would designate the \$3 transfer, total designations would increase by approximately \$404,000 (202,000 x \$2). Under the allocation formula in the bill, the WECF is expected to receive the same total allocation as under current law, while the DTF is expected to be allocated the full increase of \$404,000. This will decrease general program revenue by \$404,000.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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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 funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$		\$-404,000
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	404,000		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$404,000		\$-404,000
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$0		\$
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