

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 13-3836/1		Introduction Number SB-674
Description Copying, making available, and required notices on, certain vital records		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	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
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.245(1)(r)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

1. Currently, the Historical Society provides uncertified copies of pre-1907 vital records to requesters for a fee of \$15.00 per copy. The earned revenue forecasted for this service for fiscal year 2015, and annually thereafter, is \$115,000.
2. Upon enactment of the proposed legislation, large family history and genealogy research companies, such as FamilySearch.org (the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and Ancestry.com, will digitize pre-1907 vital records and make them available online at no cost or as part of their subscription services.
3. Given Assumption 2, it is anticipated that requests for the Historical Society's provision of uncertified copies of pre-1907 vital records will be reduced by 75% and, in turn, the Historical Society's annual earned revenue will decrease by 75% or \$86,250 per fiscal year.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If enacted, LRB 13-3836/1 (Senate Bill 674) would negatively impact an earned revenue program managed by the Historical Society's Library-Archives Division.

For over a decade the Library-Archives has managed a genealogy reference service, providing family historians with uncertified certificates of pre-1907 births, marriages, and deaths. Access is made available via a database containing 2.4 million citations that was designed and developed by the Historical Society. Library staff furnish uncertified photocopies of vital records. Over the past four fiscal years, this earned revenue program has generated \$230,000 in revenue. The Library-Archives recently entered into a partnership with Ancestry.com to make this database available on their subscription website. This agreement is expected to at least double earned revenue to \$100,000-125,000 annually or \$400,000-500,000 over the next four fiscal years.

Revenue from this program is used to fund other ongoing and mission-essential functions of the Library-Archives, such as the digitization of several popular research collections, including "Wisconsin in the Civil War" and the civil rights manuscript collections. Another funding source for these mission-essential functions is not currently available.

Local counties may see a similar decrease in revenue from the sale of certified and/or uncertified vital records. The Wisconsin County Register of Deeds Association should be consulted regarding the local fiscal effects.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2013 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): N/A			
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	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S (163)			-86,250
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		-\$86,250
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	-\$86,250		\$
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