Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-1132/1	Introduction Number AB-0001		
Description state government actions to address the COVID-19 pandemic, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority			
Fiscal Effect			
AppropriationsRever	ase Existing absorb within agency's budget		
Local: ☐ No Local Government Costs ☐ Indeterminate 1.☐ Increase Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory ☐ Decrease Revenue ☐ School ☐ WTCS ☐ School ☐ Districts ☐ Districts			
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS			
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This estimate pertains only to the provisions of the bill related to waiver of interest on late property tax payments and claims for recovery of unlawful or excessive property taxes.

Waiver of Interest on Late Property Tax Payments

Under the bill, any property taxes payable in 2021 that are due after April 1, 2021, local governments would be allowed, after making a general or case-by-case finding of hardship, to waive any interest charges and penalties for a late installment payment, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2021. For any property taxes payable in 2021 that are delinquent after October 1, 2021, interest charges and penalties would begin accruing as of October 1, 2021.

The local fiscal effect is a based on an indeterminate case-by-case finding of hardship. In 2019, local governments reported penalties and interest totaling \$47.67 million.

Claims for Recovery of Unlawful or Excessive Property Taxes

Under the bill, local governments would consider any payment received on or before October 1, 2021, or by an installment date after October 1, 2021, to be timely for the purposes of allowing taxpayers to submit a claim to appeal unlawful or excessive taxes.

There is no fiscal effect since the provision extends the period for claims on unlawful taxes and excessive assessments. In 2019, local governments refunded \$7.01 million in unlawful taxes and excessive assessments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications