

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	25-2547/1	Introduction Number	AB-0214	Estimate Type	Original
Description town clerk and treasurer appointments, publication requirements for proposed budget summary and notice of public hearing, and discontinuance of highways					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill makes changes to various town procedures. First, the bill allows a town board to provide that the combination of offices takes effect immediately as both positions become vacant or, if the person appointed to the combined office holds one of the combined offices. Second, the bill allows a town of any size to move from an elected position to an appointed one by a vote of the electors at a town meeting. Third, under the bill, a town may move to an appointed clerk, treasurer, or combined clerk and treasurer position during an elected term when there is a vacancy in the position. Fourth, the bill provides that a town treasurer may appoint one or more deputies. The bill also provides that deputy town clerks and deputy town treasurers need not be residents of the town. Fifth, the bill changes the publication and notice requirements for towns with respect to the public hearing regarding the town's proposed budget by eliminating the limitation on how towns must provide the summary and notice, instead allowing towns the same options as cities and villages. Finally, the bill eliminates the travel exception from consideration by a town board in determining whether a highway has ceased to be a public highway.

Under the bill, there is no local fiscal effect as the various town procedure changes would not impact town revenues or expenditures.

The department does not have any administrative costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications