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FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT

Senate Bill or Resolution No. SB 2205

This bill or resolution appears to affect revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of counties, cities, school districts, or townships. However, no state agency has primary responsibility for compiling and maintaining the information necessary for the proper preparation of a fiscal note regarding this bill or resolution. Pursuant to Joint Rule 502, this statement meets the fiscal note requirement.

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2017 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2205

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2205
1/27/2017
Job # 27511

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to compensation of township elections workers

Minutes:

Written testimony #1 Larry Syverson

Chairman Burckhard opened the hearing on SB 2205. All senators are present.

Senator Judy Lee: District 13, introduced SB 2205. In support of 2205. This is making a fair situation here. We are just looking at changing the compensation for election workers from \$15 to \$60 dollars a day. It doesn't seem unreasonable to me, so I thought it would be something I would be happy to support the folks that work those long hours at the elections sites I think certainly deserve to have a \$5 hour. I hope the committee support this proposal to increase the compensation for the election workers in the townships.

Senator Diane Larson: I thought they were getting \$50 now, is there a way that some of them are doing it differently?

Senator Judy Lee: This township only.

Mr. Larry Syverson, N. D. Township Officer's Association. In support of SB 2205. Written testimony #1.

Senator Dotzenrod: Just to make sure that we don't let Mr. Syverson off to easy, I am assuming that most townships only meet once a year. This does refer to new or special meetings. I don't know exactly why there would be a special meeting, but could you give me an example of it, in a township when or what might cause the township to want to have a special meeting?

Mr. Larry Syverson: Any measure event that the board is not comfortable deciding on its own or if the people demand a meeting of the township, a percentage of the free-holders can petition and then they have to call a meeting of the township.

Senator Dotzenrod: I guess to make sure I understand I don't think they have very special meetings.

Mr. Larry Syverson: Yes, it is a rare occasion.

Chairman Burckhard closed the hearing on SB2205.

Senator Judy Lee made a motion for a Do pass on SB2205.

Senator Diane Larson 2nd

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yea, 0 No, 0 Absent

Carrier: Senator Dotzenrod

**2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2205**

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Sen. Judy Lee Seconded By Sen. Diane Larson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Randy Burckhard	✓		Senator Jim Dotzenrod	✓	
Vice-Chairman Howard Anderson	✓				
Senator Jordan Kannianen	✓				
Senator Diane Larson	✓				
Senator Judy Lee	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Dotzenrod

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2205: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Burckhard, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2205 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2017 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2205

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Prairie Room, State Capitol

SB 2205
3/10/2017
Job # 29046

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to compensation of township election workers

Minutes:

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Chairman Klemin: Opened the hearing on SB 2205.

Senator Judy Lee: Introduced the bill. There was an oversight when the township officers came last session to ask for a change in compensation for township officers but they had left out election officers. So they are capped at \$15 per day. The others can be up to \$60 per day. Nobody has to pay anybody anything the townships has the latitude to make their own decisions about this but I think we will agree that \$15 per day for an election official is pretty skinny compensation.

Rep. Pyle: Do you know how long the pole hours are open on election day for township officers? Is it the same as the general or primary?

Senator Lee: I am confident that one of the township officer's association folks can answer that. I would expect it would vary from township to township.

Larry Syverson, ND Township Officers Association: (Testimony #1) (Time 3:07 to 4:15)

Rep. Pyle: What are the hours for election day township officers?

Mr. Syverson: That can vary from township to township. I believe the body of the electors would take that into consideration as to what they will pay their officers.

Chairman Klemin: This would be just at an annual or special meeting of the township?

Mr. Syverson: That is correct.

Chairman Klemin: Why do we need all of these people at an annual or special meeting besides the officers? We need the moderator, the clerk and three judges, is there an election of officers at these meetings or why do we need all of these people at a meeting of a township?

Mr. Syverson: Those are specified in the statute that organizes the meeting. They are selected from among the electors to run the meeting at which time the supervisors are elected as well as the clerk and treasurer. The budget discussions take place.

Chairman Klemin: Do you get quite a bit of turnout at these township election meetings?

Mr. Syverson: Not as much as we would like.

Chairman Klemin: I am thinking in some townships the clerk, moderator, 3 judges all the officers make up most of the electors.

Mr. Syverson: Unfortunately, that is often the case but we are against double dipping so that will take care of itself.

Rep. Ertelt: You referenced the increase of maximum compensation for other township officers. Can you point us to where that's specified?

Mr. Syverson: I don't have those along but they are located in the statute for each office. They are listed under supervisor, clerk and treasurer. There are statutes regarding each of those offices and the maximum compensation is also listed there.

Chairman Klemin: No other testimony. Closed the hearing on SB 2205.

Rep. Longmuir: Made a do pass motion.

Rep. Zubke: Second the motion.

Chairman Klemin: Motion carries 14 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Rep. Ertelt: Will be the carrier.

Date: 3-10-17
Roll Call Vote: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2205

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Subcommittee

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 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
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Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Rep. Longmuir Seconded By Rep. Zubke

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Klemin	/		Rep. Guggisberg	/	
Vice Chairman Hatlestad	/		Rep. Hanson	/	
Rep. Beadle	/				
Rep. Becker	/				
Rep. Ertelt	/				
Rep. Johnson	/				
Rep. Koppelman	/				
Rep. Longmuir	/				
Rep. Maragos	/				
Rep. Pyle	/				
Rep. Simons	/				
Rep. Toman	/				
Rep. Zubke	/				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Ertelt.

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2205: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2205 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2017 TESTIMONY

SB 2205

SB 2205
1.27.17
Written Testimony
#1

Support SB 2205

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

January 27, 2017

Good morning Chairman Burckhard and Committee members.

I am Larry Syverson from Mayville, I am the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Roseville Township in Traill County and I am also the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Township Officers Association. NDTOA represents the 5,600 Township Officers that serve in more than 1,100 dues paying member townships.

It was pointed out to us at our 2015 annual convention that the last two times we had come to the legislature to increase the maximum compensation for township officers, which can be up to \$60 per day now, we had neglected to include the election workers for the day of our annual meeting so they are still capped at \$15 per day. The membership passed a resolution that we should seek to have this oversight corrected and allow the moderator, three judges and the clerk of the meeting to be paid at the same rate as the other officers.

Like the compensation for the other officers this is permissive, a township does not have to pay anything and many will continue to pay little or nothing, it is the electors choice. This is just a cap.

Chairman Burckhard and Committee members, the North Dakota Township Officers Association requests your favorable recommendation for SB 2205.

Thank you. I will try to answer any questions you may have.

3-10-17

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Support SB 2205

SB 2205

House Political Subdivisions Committee

March 10, 2017

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