

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE BILL NO. 2144
LC# 25.0648.01000
01/09/2025

1 - State Fiscal Effect

Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

| | 2023-2025 Biennium | | 2025-2027 Biennium | | 2027-2029 Biennium | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | \$276 | \$10,472 | \$(276) | \$(10,472) | \$(276) | \$(10,472) |
| Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Appropriations | | | | | | |

2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

| | 2023-2025 Biennium | 2025-2027 Biennium | 2027-2029 Biennium |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Counties | | | |
| Cities | | | |
| School Districts | | | |
| Townships | | | |

3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary

Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

SB2144 provides adjustments to clean-up language in a number of statutes related to current or improved processes within the Office of the Secretary of State. Section 7 of the bill addresses fees charged for copy requests and certificates of appointment of attorney.

4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.

Section 7 proposes removal of the following in 54-09-05 Fees.

1) Removal of subsection 1 relates to copy requests for filings with the secretary of state - .50 cents per page. Businesses/others using the FirstStop online system may request copies of certificates of good standing, etc. A request for copies puts a pause in what could be an streamlined process. A request creates work for staff to search

records and physically count the number of pages to provide an estimate (pages x .50), the requester must review and reply and then the staff compiles the digital documents for release at which time the requester makes payments and receives documents. Total revenue generated by copy request used above is actual from 2021-2023 - \$10,472 special, \$276 general. This cost is greater outweighed by the cost of staff time to conduct this work. Agency is requesting removal of this in statute as it would still be able to charge .25 cents for any open records request and it removes unneeded delays in processing requests for businesses online.

2) The agency has no history that a filing for a certificate for appointment of an attorney has been used since implementation of online system in 2019. Recommend removal to clean-up code.

5 - Revenues Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

2021-2023 Actuals

Copies - Business (special fund) - \$10,472

Copies - Contractor (general fund) - \$26

Copies - Charitable (general fund) - \$36

Copies - Elections (general fund) - \$214

6 - Expenditures Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

Expenditures would be related to staff hours which far exceed revenues collected.

7 - Appropriations Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

Reduces General Services Fund by - \$10,472

Reduces revenue turned back to general fund by agency by - \$276

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