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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 47 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
 (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

Judicial Proceedings

Secretary of State - Authentication of Records Fee

This departmental bill raises the maximum fee the Secretary of State may charge to authenticate copies of records in the Office of the Secretary of State from \$5 to \$10.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues would increase by \$108,200 in FY 2005 due to increased authentication of records fees. Out-year revenue estimates reflect annualization. Expenditures would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
GF Revenue	\$108,200	\$144,200	\$144,200	\$144,200	\$144,200
Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$108,200	\$144,200	\$144,200	\$144,200	\$144,200

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Secretary of State has determined that this bill has no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Background: This fee was last increased in 1983 from \$1 to \$5. The department also indicates that it provides same day service for authentication requests, and this fee increase will bring the State in line with charges for similar services in other states.

State Revenues: The Secretary of State performed 28,841 authentications of records in fiscal 2003. The agency does not project growth in requests for this service. An additional \$5 charge per authentication would result in a general fund revenue increase of \$108,154 in fiscal 2005 which reflects the bill's October 1 effective date. Beginning in fiscal 2006, general fund revenues would increase by \$144,205 annually.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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