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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 637

(Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Washington County - County Clerk

This bill repeals obsolete provisions from the Public Local Laws of Washington County relating to the county clerk position.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill would not materially affect Washington County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill repeals the requirement that the Washington County Clerk perform duties relating to the receipt of money paid to the county commissioners from sources other than the annual levy, the recordation of accounts and claims presented against the county, and the receipt of all interest coupons upon the bonded indebtedness of the county due and paid by the tax collector and all bonds due and redeemed by the tax collector.

Current Law: The county clerk for Washington County is appointed by the county commissioners and must maintain accurate minutes of the proceedings of the commissioners and keep all records, papers, and documents of the county in safe custody. The clerk must perform other duties imposed upon clerks of the county commissioners by

any general or local law and other clerical duties required of the county clerk by order of the county commissioners. Other duties required by the Public Local Laws of Washington County relate to the receipt of money paid to the county commissioners from sources other than the annual levy, the recordation of accounts and claims presented against the county, and the receipt of all interest coupons upon the bonded indebtedness of the county due and paid by the tax collector and all bonds due and redeemed by the tax collector.

Local Fiscal Effect: Washington County advises that the bill updates the duties of the county clerk to reflect current practice. The duties that would be repealed by the bill are currently performed by either the county treasurer or the director of budget and finance.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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