



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3337 Amended by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2018
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Subject: Filing and Recording Fees
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Heineman
Impact Date: April 13, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	Pending	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is not expected to have an impact on local expenditures, because localities already have methods and procedures in place to accept filing and recording fees.

This bill may have an impact on local revenue, since this bill modifies the filing and recording fees a locality is allowed to charge for filing certain documents. The local revenue impact is pending, contingent upon a response from county administrators.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

This bill modifies the filing and recording fees collected by county Register of Deeds and Clerks of Court by creating a uniform flat fee which is based on the type of document that is being filed.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) Office contacted the South Carolina Association of Counties and the South Carolina Association of Clerks of Court and Registers of Deeds regarding the local revenue impact of this bill. Both associations provided information regarding filing and recording fees counties collect; however neither association was able to provide data for all of the filing and recording types listed in this bill. At this time, the impact is pending because additional information is needed in order to determine the local revenue impact.

In addition, because this bill modifies the filing and recording fees a locality is allowed to charge for filing documents, RFA has contacted the forty-six county administrators regarding the revenue impact of this bill and their response is pending. Therefore, the revenue impact to local government is pending, contingent upon a response from county administrators.



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