

Legislative Analysis



COUNTY TREASURER TRANSCRIPT FEES

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House Bill 4062

Sponsor: Rep. Rick Jones

Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4062 AS INTRODUCED 1-27-05

Public Act 161 of 1895 requires county treasurers to furnish transcripts and abstracts of records and establishes fees for those transactions. House Bill 4062 would allow all counties to impose by ordinance or resolution different fee amounts (not to exceed the cost of the service). Currently under the law, only a charter county having a population of more than 2 million people may impose, by ordinance, a different amount for the fees.

The law prescribes the following fees:

-For an abstract of taxes on any description of land	25 cents for each year
-For an abstract with the name and residence of taxpayer	25 cents for each description
-For a list of state tax lands or state bids	25 cents for each description
-For one copy of any paper or document	25 cents per 100 words
-For each certificate	25 cents
-For statements in respect to the payment of taxes	20 cents for each description of land but a total amount not less than \$1.00

The act says an abstract, list, copy, or statement is not to be furnished for under 50 cents.

Also, the law currently says that money collected under these provisions are retained by the county treasurer collecting the fees, unless the county treasurer receives a salary in lieu of all fees, in which case the treasurer must credit them to the general fund of the county. Under the bill, this provision would be eliminated, and all money collected would be deposited to the county's general fund.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no state fiscal impact. The impact on counties would be at the discretion of the counties.

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