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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6955

BILL NUMBER: SB 182

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2022

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Township Mergers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Koch

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a township that does not have a township trustee or township board to merge with another township, if identical resolutions approving the merger are adopted by the following: (1) The township trustee and legislative body of the other township. (2) The county executive.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Secretary of State and Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF):* The bill's requirement of the township trustee from the initiating township and the county executive jointly filing the approved merger resolutions with the Secretary of State's office and DLGF are within the agencies' routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill's requirements may result in an increase of the administrative workload for the initiating township trustee and legislative body and the county executive of the impacted county.

The *initiating township trustee* will be required to adopt a resolution approving the merger of the township governments and present the resolution to the township legislative body of the initiating township and the county executive of the applicable county. Additionally, once the identical resolutions are adopted by both the township legislative body and the county executive, the trustee will have to jointly file the adopted resolutions with the Secretary of State, the DLGF, and the circuit court clerk.

The *initiating township legislative body* will be required to hold a public hearing on the merger resolution presented to them by the initiating township trustee and adopt a resolution that approves the merger of the vacant township government with the initiating township government.

The *county executive* of the applicable county will be required to hold a public hearing on the merger resolution presented to them by the initiating township trustee and adopt a resolution that approves the merger of the vacant township government with the initiating township government. Additionally, once the identical resolutions are adopted by both the township legislative body and the county executive, the county executive will have to jointly file the resolutions with the Secretary of State, the DLGF, and the circuit court clerk.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Secretary of State; Department of Local Government Finance.

Local Agencies Affected: Township units of local government; County executives.

Information Sources:

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