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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6970

BILL NUMBER: SB 264

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Property Tax Replacement Study Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Property Tax Replacement Study Commission to study the elimination of property taxes and alternative sources of revenue.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Commission will have a total of 16 lay members and is charged with conducting a study of the elimination of property taxes and alternative sources of revenue. The Commission must submit reports to the Legislative Council.

Each member must be appointed not later than 15 days after the effective date of the bill. (The President Pro Tempore of the Senate appoints eight members and the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints eight.) The Commission is authorized to meet throughout the year. The first meeting must be not later than 30 days after the effective date of the bill. The Commission expires January 1, 2005. Members are entitled to per diem and travel allowances in the same amounts as the Legislative Council provides for members of interim study committees. Given the possible meeting dates and based on Legislative Council Resolution 03-02, the Commission could be given a budget of \$15,000 per interim which could affect both FY 2004 and FY 2005. The Commission budget would be paid from funds appropriated to the Legislative Council from the state General Fund to pay for per diem and travel expenses.

Legislative Services Agency (LSA) will staff the Commission as directed by a subcommittee of the Legislative Council. LSA should be able to absorb any additional expenses associated with this provision given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Council and the Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Legislative Council Resolution 03-02, as adopted May 28, 2003.

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