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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6816**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 242**

**NOTE PREPARED: Dec 23, 2010**  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** County Sheriff Compensation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill repeals the statute specifying the maximum amount of a county sheriff's annual compensation. It deletes references to the repealed maximum compensation amount.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary-* Depending on future compensation contracts reached between sheriffs and counties, counties would see an increase in expenditures if they had to pay higher sheriff salaries in the future. Sheriffs are paid from the county general fund. In counties with a population exceeding 200,000, the *maximum* sheriffs' compensation amount is 100% of the annual minimum salary of a county prosecutor paid by the state plus the additional salary of a county prosecutor paid by the county. The *minimum* sheriff compensation in other counties are proportional to the population of the county. (See *Background Information.*)

**Background Information-** Depending on population size, a county must pay, at minimum, a certain percentage of the annual minimum salary of a county prosecutor as paid by the state. The percentages are 50% in a county with a population less than 20,000 and increase to 100% of the state's share of a prosecutor's minimum salary for a county with a population greater than 200,000. The minimum salary for a full-time county prosecutor was approximately \$120,000 in CY 2008. Typically, the county will provide,

on average, about \$5,000 in supplemental salary to a full-time prosecutor.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Currently, other sources of a sheriff's salary may originate from collections of tax warrant sales and jail meal savings. If there were no limit on sheriff salaries, county revenues from these sources could be further reduced in the future.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties, Sheriffs.

**Information Sources:**

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