

# DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

## 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Patron** Thelma Drake

2. **Bill Number** HB 465

3. **Committee** House Finance

**House of Origin:**

  X   **Introduced**

       **Substitute**

       **Engrossed**

4. **Title** Treasurers; Fees to Provide Electronic  
Access to Public Records

**Second House:**

       **In Committee**

       **Substitute**

       **Enrolled**

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This bill would allow local treasurers who provide electronic access to public records to charge a fee to cover the operational expenses of providing the electronic access. Additionally, treasurers would be authorized to charge users a treasurer's fee not to exceed \$25 per month.

The effective date of this bill is not specified.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Not available. (See Line 8.)

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:**

This bill would have no impact on state revenues. This bill would increase local revenues to the extent that treasurers exercise the authority to charge these fees.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

All localities.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:**

Treasurers are currently authorized to provide remote access, including Internet access, to all nonconfidential public records maintained in their offices.

This bill would allow local treasurers to charge a fee to cover the operational expenses of providing the electronic access. The fees are intended to offset the expenses of providing the electronic access. The expenses recovered by the fee relate to computer support, maintenance, enhancements, upgrades and enhancements. The fee may be assessed based on each inquiry or based upon the time the user is accessing the data.

Additionally, treasurers would be authorized to charge users a treasurer's fee not to exceed \$25 per month.

cc : Secretary of Finance