

**DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Patron Thelma Drake

2. Bill Number HB 465

3. Committee Passed House and Senate

House of Origin:

 Introduced

 Substitute

 Engrossed

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

Second House:

 In Committee

 Substitute

 X **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. The fee would be assessed based upon a subscription, not to exceed \$100 per month, or a cost per page, not to exceed \$1 for the first page and 25 cents for each additional page.

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 who provide electronic access to public records to charge a subscription, not to exceed \$100 per month, or a cost per page, not to exceed \$1 for the first page and 25 cents for each additional page. The fee would be deposited by the treasurer into a special nonreverting local fund to be used to cover the operational expenses of the electronic access.

cc : Secretary of Finance