Compensation Board
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB935

   House of Origin   X   Introduced   ___ Substitute   ___ Engrossed

   Second House   ___ In Committee   ___ Substitute   ___ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Smith

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** **Remote access to land records; allows occasional access thereto by public and sets a fee.**

5. **Summary:** Occasional remote access to land records; fee. Allows for occasional remote access to land records by the general public and sets a fee in an amount not to exceed the usual copying fee. Such occasional remote users will not be charged the $50 per month subscriber fee.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8.

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal effects of the proposed legislation cannot be projected because the impact will be determined by local decisions that cannot be known at this time. It is not known how many individuals would be interested in "occasional" secure remote access, nor is it known how many downloads of individual land records images these individuals may be interested in acquiring. An August 2008 annual survey of circuit court clerks reports that 190,987,228 electronic land records' images were available through secure remote access.

   There is also a potential cost to clerks associated with the proposed legislation. Secure remote access systems may have to be modified by their respective vendors to allow for the proposed "occasional" use of secure remote access. Costs associated with potential systems changes cannot be determined at this time; however, the source of funding for automated land records systems would likely be the revenue achieved through the Technology Trust Fund (TTF) fee.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Circuit Court Clerks

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** n/a

11. **Other Comments:** n/a

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