

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1487

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Passed Senate

4. Title: Constitutional officers; automatic suspension upon conviction of felony.

5. Summary: This bill provides that any constitutional officer who is convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or the United States shall be automatically suspended upon such conviction, regardless of any appeals, pleadings, delays, or motions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate, See Item 8

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal Impact Estimates Are Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Compensation Board, in the event a constitutional officer is convicted of a felony and immediately suspended for the duration of any appeals process, it could result in an incremental cost increase due to a likely greater period of time during which the constitutional officer is suspended while the Compensation Board is encumbering expense for his salary in addition to paying an acting officer the same salary. The average number of constitutional officers that would be convicted of a felony is unknown so the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Compensation Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: HB2364 is the companion to the introduced bill. The amendment to HB2364 strikes the word, "constitutional" from the legislation which would apply the provisions of the bill to all officers convicted of a felony.