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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 252 of the 132nd G.A. Status: As Passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Peterson Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Authorizes simultaneous holding of dual offices in specified circumstances

Counties or municipalities might incur some small administrative expense under a provision of the bill that requires a county auditor or fiscal office of a municipal corporation, upon request, to provide the executive director of a convention and visitor's bureau with the tax return information of a hotel subject to a lodging tax by the county or municipal corporation.

The provision related to the board of trustees of a convention and visitor's bureau does not appear to have any fiscal impact on political subdivisions. The bill gives authority for an elected official of a county, township, or municipal corporation that has levied a hotel lodging excise tax under current law, or anyone appointed by those officials, to simultaneously serve in this elected or appointed position *and* as a member or officer of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' bureau. The bill further specifies that holding two positions simultaneously does not constitute the simultaneous holding of incompatible offices or employment. The bill does, however, permit a municipal corporation or chartered county to adopt a more restrictive policy that bars these persons from holding these positions simultaneously.

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