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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Roegner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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## **Highlights**

The Board of Building Appeals, and county and municipal boards may establish fees to offset additional administration and processing costs of an expedited appeal. These fees cannot exceed \$500 for each day the appeal is pending or \$1,000 in total.

## **Detailed Analysis**

Any additional costs incurred through the expedited appeals process would likely be offset through appeal fees permitted under the bill. The bill permits the request of an expedited appeal of an order issued by the Board of Building Appeals, or county and municipal boards of building appeals. The bill allows the administration and processing costs of an expedited appeal to be offset by additional fees. Those fees may be established by the Board of Building Appeals, and county and municipal boards. Fees for an expedited appeal cannot exceed \$500 for each day the appeal is pending or \$1,000 in total. Under continuing law, the Board of Building Appeals is permitted to establish reasonable fees for appeals, based on actual costs for administration of filing and processing and not exceeding \$200 (the current fee is \$200). County and municipal boards of building appeals are also permitted to establish reasonable, cost-based fees for appeals that do not exceed \$100. At the state level, the Board of Building Appeals used to conduct three in-person hearings each month. However, since 2020, these hearings have been held remotely through electronic means, reducing administrative costs.