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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6004**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1015**

**DATE PREPARED:** Oct 29, 1998

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Notice of tax sales.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill changes the property tax sale notification procedures. It adds the cost of discovering and notifying all persons with a substantial property interest of public record to the minimum sale price of the tract. The bill also requires a contract for a title search to provide for a fee that is equal to a stated per tract charge multiplied by the number of tracts for which the search will be conducted.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This proposal requires a contract entered into by a county to conduct a title search to identify persons with substantial property interest in property at tax sale to provide that the fee will equal a flat per tract charge. The county auditor would be required to notify all persons with substantial property interest that a property is at tax sale.

Under current law, the minimum price for property sold at tax sale is equal to the sum of the delinquent taxes, current taxes, penalties, \$25 postage and publication costs, other actual county costs, and costs due from a prior tax sale. This bill adds the following to the minimum price: a title search charge for each tract, actual county costs for attorney's fees, and other reasonable fees to discover and notify all persons of substantial property interest.

This bill could increase the amount of county expenses that are reimbursed from tax sale proceeds.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County Auditors.

**Information Sources:**