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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8028
BILL NUMBER: SB 592

DATE PREPARED: Feb 16, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Feb 15, 1999

SUBJECT: Disposition of seized property.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires property seized under the law concerning forfeiture of property used in violation of certain criminal statutes to be transferred, upon motion of a prosecuting attorney, to the appropriate federal authority for disposition, subject to all perfected liens and other security interests, under federal laws concerning customs duties and drug abuse prevention and control. It requires the forfeiture sale proceeds that are returned by the federal government to a state or local law enforcement agency to be deposited in the general fund of the governmental entity employing the law enforcement agency.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: See Local Expenditures.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) Passage of this bill will increase revenue to the state General Fund because it requires that forfeiture sale proceeds returned by the federal government to a state or local law enforcement agency are to be deposited in the general fund of the governmental entity employing the law enforcement agency.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would require law enforcement agencies, upon motion of a prosecuting attorney, to transfer certain seized property to federal authorities for disposition under federal laws concerning customs duties and drug abuse prevention and control. Local expenditures will increase if costs are incurred to transfer the property.

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) Passage of this bill will increase revenue to county and city or town general funds because it requires that forfeiture sale proceeds returned by the federal government to a state or local law enforcement agency are to be deposited in the general fund of the governmental entity employing the law enforcement agency.

State Agencies Affected: State Police

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies; prosecuting attorneys; trial courts.

Information Sources: