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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6346

BILL NUMBER: SB 68

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 26, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Changing a Town into a City.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a town legislative body to adopt a resolution not later than 30 days after a petition is filed for a referendum on changing the town into a city. It provides that the date of the referendum must not be later than the date of the next general or municipal election, whichever is earlier, at which a question may be placed on the ballot.

The bill provides that with regard to a petition filed before July 1, 2011, for which a referendum has not been conducted, the referendum must be held at the municipal election in November 2011. It requires the first election of city officers to be held on the earlier of the date of the next general election or a municipal election following the date of the referendum.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill's provisions may speed up the placement of referendums on the general or municipal election ballots. With respect to cost savings, these provisions could reduce the number of special elections in future years pertaining to town-to-city referendums.

Background: When special elections occur, the largest expenditures are ballot printing costs (in counties with optical scan systems) and precinct election board expenditures. The following table shows the precinct

election officers as provided by law. The table also includes the average pay per election by each office.

Type of Officer	Number	Average Pay Per Election*
Inspector	1	\$129
Judge	2	\$97
Poll Clerk	2	\$94
Sheriff**	2	\$106
Asst. Poll Clerk**	2	\$94
*Based on a survey of all counties with 57 responding. **May be eliminated by resolution of entire county election board.		

Many counties are not able to fill every position and several do not have assistant poll clerks. Additionally, counties may by resolution of the entire election board, discontinue sheriff and poll clerk appointments. Very few counties in the survey had assistant poll clerks or sheriffs.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Town legislative bodies; county election boards.

Information Sources: LSA county survey on precinct election officer per diem.

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