

**LOCAL**

**CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Weissmann

**Bill Status:** House Local Government

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**TITLE:** SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 8 AND 15 OF ARTICLE XIV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF COUNTY OFFICERS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EACH COUNTY, RATHER THAN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO SET THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THAT COUNTY INCLUDING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CLERK AND RECORDER, SHERIFF, CORONER, TREASURER, ASSESSOR, AND SURVEYOR.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2010-2011</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon approval of the voters at the November 2010 general election.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See the Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This house concurrent resolution submits a constitutional amendment to the voters at the November 2010 general election. The resolution eliminates the authority of the General Assembly to set the salaries of county officers. In its place, the resolution authorizes the board of county commissioners of each county to set the salaries. County officers affected by the resolution include county commissioners, clerk and recorder, sheriff, coroner, treasurer, assessor, and surveyor.

**Local Government Impact**

The resolution is assessed at having a local conditional fiscal impact for several reasons: (1) the measure is subject to voter approval; (2) county commissioners will determine the salaries of county officials; and (3) salary schedules may be different those currently authorized in statute. Current law requires that county officers shall not have their compensation increased or decreased during the terms of office to which they have been elected or appointed. This provision remains unaffected by the resolution.

**Election Expenditure Impacts (For Informational Purposes Only)**

The bill refers a measure to the voters at the November 2010 general election. This measure will be published in newspapers and an analysis of the measure will be included in the Blue Book mailed to all registered voter households prior to the election. Under current law, costs for these functions will be paid through a General Fund line item in the Long Appropriations Bill. Table 1 below identifies the anticipated costs for the 2010 Blue Book.

<b>Table 1. Cost to Produce and Distribute the 2010 Blue Book to All Registered Voter Households</b>	
Printing	\$400,000
Postage	\$450,000
Translation	\$20,000
Newspaper Publication (English & Spanish)	\$700,000
<b>Total Cost (14 issues)</b>	<b>\$1,570,000</b>
<b>Average Cost per Issue</b>	<b>\$112,143</b>

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