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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Rep. Arndt; Becker J.

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BILL TOPIC: CLERK & RECORDER PRESERVE PLATS ELECTRONICALLY

Summary of Legislation

County clerks are required to store all plats of land and certify that the plat is recorded from the original plat. This bill authorizes county clerks to preserve a plat in electronic form as long as it is scanned at a minimum resolution of 300 dots per inch. If an electronic filing system is established, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to provide additional funding and space to store original subdivision and land survey plats.

Background

A plat is a map of a piece of land that is drawn to scale and shows how such land has been divided.

Local Government Impact

This bill potentially reduces costs for counties that choose to store plats electronically. This impact will vary by county depending on the methods used for storage and the number of plats they are able to convert to electronic storage. Cost savings generated can include reduced staff time related to the retrieval and indexing of plats, reduced off-site storage costs, and operating cost savings related to the storage of the plats.

In counties that choose to convert plats to an electronic version, costs and workload may increase initially to perform the electronic conversion. After the electronic conversion, destruction costs could also be incurred, however counties may choose to keep the original plats. Costs related to the electronic storage of plat records such as servers and security may increase in counties that are able to convert a large number of plats to electronic form.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 18, 2017, and became effective on August 9, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

Clerks

Counties