

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 924

SHORT TITLE: Certify Property Mappers

SPONSOR(S): Representative Hackney

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
Revenues: Increase (X) Decrease ()
No Impact ()
No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: An act to provide for the certification of property mappers by the Secretary of State. To allow the Secretary of State to require a \$20.00 application fee for certification and to require 24 hours of continuing education courses to retain certification.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1994

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: The Department of the Secretary of State

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98
EXPENDITURES					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					
STATE FUNDS					
FEDERAL FUNDS					
LOCAL FUNDS					
OTHER FUNDS					
RECEIPTS/FEES	\$4,140	\$40	\$4,180	\$ 40	\$4,220

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The assumption is that any additional costs associated with certifying local government property mappers could be absorbed in the current funding of the Land Records Management Division, Secretary of State. No additional General Fund appropriations would be needed. The bill states that the Secretary of State shall charge a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to cover processing of applications for certification. The assumption is that this fee would

increase receipts to the Secretary of State. There are presently 329 people in the North Carolina Property Mappers Association. Of the 329 members, 170 are certified mappers and 37 are senior mappers, who are also certified. The bill allows for persons who have obtained certification through the North Carolina Property Mappers Association to be certified by the Department of the Secretary of State. An estimate of \$4,140 (170 + 37) x \$20.00, in additional receipts represents a conservative estimate. It is also assumed that a net of about two mappers would be added yearly. Presently 78 counties have certified mappers. Approximately 10-12 counties have mappers who are not certified and approximately 10-12 counties have no mappers. There is no evidence to suggest that the counties without mappers would be affected by this bill. Those counties with mappers should not see employment figures affected by this bill. There may be some costs either to the non-certified mapper who chooses to become certified on his/her own or to the local government that employs them. Counties with employee educational assistance programs may chose to pay for or assist employees who wish to become certified out of that fund. Local governments without employee assistance funds may incur some additional expense.

SOURCES OF DATA: The Department of the Secretary of State and the North Carolina Property Mappers Association

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Clarify whether the revenues generated from the fee are to be retained by the Secretary of State or to go into the General Fund. Clarify whether the fee is an annual fee, a one time fee or a biennial fee (since re-certification is dependent upon the completion of 24 hours of continuing education courses over a two-year period). Clarify if the fee is to be paid upon re-certification. Consider adding another definition to specify what is considered "large- scale". Consider an enabling clause in subsection (f) that would permit municipal governments within a county to share the cost of employing ... " at least one certified mapper"., to avoid the presumption that there must be a certified mapper for every local government.

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