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BILL NUMBER: sSB 464
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING FEES IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Judiciary, Finance, Revenue and Bonding

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 464

STATE IMPACT	Revenue Gain, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Savings, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Office of the Secretary of the State, Judicial Department, Office of the Claims Commissioner

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: The passage of this bill is expected to result in a total General Fund revenue increase of \$4.5 million in FY 1992-93.

This total represents \$549,152 in additional revenue from increasing current fees in the corporations division of the Office of the Secretary of the State.

Theoretically, a revenue loss should result from the elimination of various specified general fees in the Secretary of State's Office. In this case, however, since the current fees are restrictive, a revenue loss is not anticipated as the agency can now charge a fee that covers the cost of the service that is provided. Consequently, a revenue gain could result. The extent of the potential gain beyond that which is specified is indeterminate.

The bill increases fees for filing a claim against the State with the Office of the Claims Commissioner. Approximately forty percent of the small claims filed are from the Department of Correction and any fee would be waived. The fee increase will result in a minimal revenue gain to the State.

The bill also contains several other fee increases including: a motion to open, set aside, or modify civil judgments in housing matters (from \$25 to \$35), a clerk certifying under seal (from \$2 to \$10) and the making of copies (from 50 cents/page to \$1/page). In addition the bill institutes a fee for obtaining copies of

certified (\$15) and uncertified (\$10) judgment files and for copies of certificates of judgment in foreclosure actions. As information relating to the occurrence of these items is not available at this time, the potential revenue increase cannot be determined but is anticipated to range up to \$300,000.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Since the bill would increase the circumstances under which municipalities are not required to pay fees, a savings could result. The extent of the savings is indeterminate as it is contingent upon the number of filings which a municipality submits.