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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6100**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 20**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 3, 2021  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Cemetery Management.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Raatz  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill permits a city or town, county, and township to appoint a cemetery caretaker to control and manage cemeteries in the entity's care. It establishes requirements for a city or town to appoint a cemetery caretaker through a proposed ordinance. The bill provides that a cemetery caretaker is employed at the will of an executive of a city or town, a county board of commissioners, or a township trustee. It also provides deadlines by which a vacancy in the cemetery caretaker position must be filled.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill allows municipalities to transfer maintenance responsibilities from the municipality to a cemetery caretaker and establishes a process with which municipalities can make this transfer through a proposed ordinance. The bill allows counties and townships to appoint a cemetery caretaker. Any impact on local workload would depend on local decisions.

The bill specifies that if a cemetery caretaker is appointed, the caretaker is employed at the will of the local unit and that, once appointed, if the position becomes vacant, it must be filled within 90 days. The bill is silent as to compensation for an appointed cemetery caretaker, however it is assumed a cemetery caretaker would be compensated from local funds. As a result, to the extent the

eligible local units of government appoint a cemetery caretaker, the local expenditures would increase to compensate each appointed caretaker.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties; municipalities; townships.

**Information Sources:**

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