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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3313 Introduced on January 10, 2023
Author: Jordan
Subject: Florence County Register of Deeds
Requestor: House of Representatives
RFA Analyst(s): Bryant
Impact Date: March 21, 2024 - Updated for Revised Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

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This impact statement has been updated to include a revised response from Florence County.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A

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State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

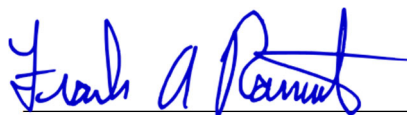
Local Expenditure

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Florence County indicates that this bill will increase the county's expenses by approximately \$8,000 for supplies, tort insurance, equipment leases, and travel to create a Register of Deeds office. Additionally, the County anticipates a salary increase of approximately \$27,000 will be required for the current deputy clerk of court to move into the new Register of Deeds position. However, Florence County intends to offset the cost of the salary increase with savings resulting from attrition in the Clerk of Court's office in the amount of approximately \$17,500. Therefore, RFA anticipates that this bill may increase overall expenditures for Florence County by an estimated \$17,500, potentially beginning in FY 2024-25.

Local Revenue

N/A



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