

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 653** HLS 20RS 967

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Treasury                             |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Alan M. Boxberger |
| <b>Subject:</b> Provides relative to unclaimed property |         |                                   |

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Provides relative to requirements for reporting and advertising unclaimed property

Present law provides a mechanism for businesses to transfer abandoned property to the state treasurer, requires abandoned property to be reported when it has a value of fifty dollars or more, and requires the treasurer (as administrator of unclaimed property) to advertise the name and address or location of an owner of unclaimed property having a total value of greater than fifty dollars. Proposed law lowers the value of abandoned property for reporting requirements from fifty to ten dollars, and increases the threshold requiring the treasurer to advertise unclaimed property from fifty to one hundred dollars.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Ded./Other          | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |
| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>           |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an SGF expenditure decrease for the Treasury of approximately \$35,000. Proposed law lowers the value threshold for reporting abandoned property to the State Treasurer from \$50 to \$10. The treasurer reports compliance with this aspect is not anticipated to increase costs as it will not increase workload due to the fact that all data is loaded electronically. The treasury anticipates there may be a slight increase in claims processed, but the properties involved will also qualify for electronic processing and can easily be absorbed by existing processes.

Proposed law increases the threshold for advertising unclaimed property from \$50 to \$100. The treasury reports that it may spend an estimated \$35,000 less on the statutorily required public notice for unclaimed properties in this value range.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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