

2SHB 1570 - H AMD 726

By Representative Jenkins

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1 On page 4, after line 3, insert the following:

2 "(c) If a county has not imposed an additional surcharge  
3 authorized under this subsection, a city legislative authority with a  
4 population of more than one hundred fifty thousand in a county with a  
5 population of more than eight hundred thousand, but less than one  
6 million five hundred thousand, may charge an additional surcharge of  
7 no more than fifty dollars for each document recorded. The county  
8 auditor shall retain two percent of the additional surcharge as a fee  
9 for the collection of any additional surcharge charged under this  
10 subsection, and shall remit the remainder of the amount collected to  
11 the city to accomplish the purposes set out in subsection (1) of this  
12 section. The county auditor may, by demonstration of need to the  
13 county, retain additional surcharges for the purposes of  
14 administrative costs associated with the additional surcharge charged  
15 under this subsection. Any additional surcharges retained by the  
16 county auditor for administrative purposes must not change the  
17 allocation of any county surcharge fees the city receives for the  
18 purposes of subsection (1) of this section.

19 (d) A city must wait six months from the effective date of the  
20 decision to impose an additional surcharge under this subsection  
21 before any additional surcharge may be collected.

22 (e) If a county imposes an additional surcharge as authorized in  
23 (a) of this subsection after a city within the county imposes an  
24 additional surcharge authorized in (c) of this subsection, a city  
25 must relinquish its authority to impose the additional surcharge  
26 authorized. A city must relinquish its authority to impose an  
27 additional surcharge, including collection and receipt of any  
28 surcharge, within ninety days from the effective date of a county's  
29 decision to impose an additional surcharge pursuant to (a) of this  
30 subsection."

EFFECT: 1. Allows a city with a population of more than 150,000 in a county with a population of more than 800,000, but less than 1.5 million to impose an additional surcharge of up to fifty dollars.

2. Requires a city to relinquish their authority to impose an additional surcharge if the county where the city is located subsequently elects to impose an additional surcharge.

3. Requires a city relinquishing their authority to impose an additional surcharge to do so within ninety days of the effective date of the county's decision to impose an additional surcharge.

4. Prevents any county surcharge fees allocated to cities within a county from being reallocated as a result of additional administrative fees incurred by the county auditor for the collection of a city authorized surcharge.

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