

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ITEM 28, FILE 010123

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File #010123 is an ordinance changing the number of aldermanic districts from 17 to 50.

Background and Discussion

1. Sections 5.15 and 62.08, Wis. Stats., require the adjustment of election ward boundaries and Council member district boundaries following the decennial federal census. Section 62.08(4), Wis. Stats., also permits the adjustment in the number of Council member districts upon a 2/3 vote by the Common Council.
2. This ordinance would increase the number of Common Council members from 17 to 50. The following are some factors with respect to costs of implementation that must be considered:
 - a. Aldermen, full-time or part time; salary
 - Each would require office space, computer equipment, telephones, audio and visual equipment, furniture which includes a desk, chairs, bookcase, file cabinet, table
 - Capital improvement for remodeling to accommodate the office space, Common Council chambers, committee rooms
 - Re-wiring, sound equipment, furniture, lighting, etc.
 - Non-personnel costs would include transportation allowance, telephone allowance, cellular phone service, supplies and services as in newsletters, mailings, printing, postage, conferences, seminars and other travel expenses
 - b. Legislative Assistants, full time or part time; salary
 - Each would required office space, computer equipment, telephones, furniture, supplies and training
 - c. Support staff
 - For switchboard, mail, computer analysts, committee staff assistants, public relations, community services, payroll, secretarial support, facility support and additional furniture, telephones, supplies and files, and equipment for support staff and training

Fiscal Impact

1. The estimated costs to increase the number of aldermen from 17 to 50 in 2004 including the above factors cannot be projected and more clearly identified at this time.
2. Changes to other files would be necessary requiring expenditures prior to 2004 to handle the changes effectively and efficiently.

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