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House Bill No. 6648

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The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. KAVROS DEGRAW of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE RECORDING, INDEXING AND SEARCHING OF MUNICIPAL LAND RECORDS AND MAPS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2024, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall appoint
3 and convene a commission for the online recording, indexing and
4 searching of municipal land records and maps. The commission shall
5 study the processes, associated costs and benefits of creating and
6 maintaining a publicly accessible online database for the recording,
7 indexing and searching of such land records and maps.

8 (b) Not later than June 30, 2024, the commission shall submit a report,
9 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
10 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the joint
11 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
12 matters relating to planning and development. Such report shall
13 describe (1) the commission's findings, (2) a plan for the creation and

14 maintenance of such online database, (3) the process by which existing
15 municipal land records and maps shall be recorded, indexed and made
16 searchable in such online database, and (4) any legislative changes
17 necessary to create and maintain such online database.

18 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
19 and Management, in consultation with the commission established
20 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall create and maintain the
21 online database described in subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	188,000	334,100
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	15,400	31,600

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to (1) appoint and convene a commission by January 1, 2024, (2) submit a report to the Planning and Development Committee by June 30, 2024, on the processes, costs, and benefits, of creating and maintaining a publicly accessible online database for land records and maps, and (3) create and maintain the online database by January 1, 2025. This results in a cost to OPM of \$188,000 in FY 24, \$334,100 in FY 25, and annualized costs in the out years of \$134,100. There are also associated fringe benefit costs of \$15,400 in FY 24 and \$31,600 in FY 25

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

(and annually thereafter) to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Costs to OPM include a full-time research analyst to maintain the database with a 50% phase in cost in FY 24, consultant costs of \$150,000 in FY 24 to perform the study, and \$200,000 in FY 25 to set up the database. Beginning in FY 25, there will be an annual cost of \$60,000 for continued database hosting. Other costs to OPM include \$2,000 in FY 24 and an annualized cost of \$300 for IT-related and technology expenses.

There are also potential costs that may fall onto municipalities or OPM depending on who is responsible for the digitalization of maps. These costs could be potentially significant depending on the number of maps that have not yet been digitalized.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6648*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE RECORDING, INDEXING AND SEARCHING OF MUNICIPAL LAND RECORDS AND MAPS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to appoint and convene a commission by January 1, 2024, to study the processes, cost, and benefits of creating and maintaining a publicly accessible online database for recording, indexing, and searching land records and maps. The commission must submit a report to the OPM secretary and Planning and Development Committee by June 30, 2024. The report must include:

1. the commission's findings,
2. a plan for creating and maintaining the online database,
3. a process for transitioning and incorporating existing municipal land records and maps to the online database, and
4. legislative changes needed to create and maintain the database.

The bill also requires the OPM secretary, in consultation with this commission, to create and maintain the above-described land records and maps database by January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 7 (03/17/2023)