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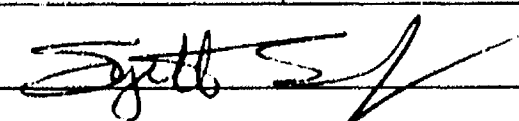
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2027

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-19-01; 2-1-01;2-8-01

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Committee Clerk Signature 

Minutes: SB 2027 relates to a pilot project involving county treasurers administering motor vehicle registration programs; to provide for a legislative study; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

Senator Bill Bowman: (District 39, Supports) Explains the content of bill. Explains that the bill gives a service to people who live a long way from anywhere. County is picking up biggest part of tab. State has minimal costs; only training cost of the necessary personnel to implement the pilot project. Suggests inserting "Rural" into line 7. Wants everyone to know that it is not the intent to eliminate any current branch offices in existence.

Senator O'Connell: Do you think the \$31,000 might be high for state costs?

Senator Bowman: Yes, it shouldn't cost that much. We did not know the whole picture when we were writing the proposed bill.

Senator O'Connell: What do you consider "rural" areas?

Senator Bowman: Bowman, McKenzie, and Emmons Counties.

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Rep. Ray Wikenheiser: (District 28; Supports) See attached testimony.

Allen Knudson: (Legislative Council; Neutral) Provides information on bill.

Senator Stenehjem: Why is July, 2001 stated on the bill?

Allen Knudson: So it would be in line with other branch offices.

Senator Stenehjem: Why aren't the three stated counties not spelled out on the bill?

Allen Knudson: It was left up to discretion of DOT.

Linda Svihovec: (McKenzie County treasurer; Supports) See attached testimony.

Gene Veeder: (McKenzie County Director of Economic Development; Supports) Explains that this can help us be involved in corporate America.

Roger Chinn: (County Commissioner of McKenzie County; Supports) See attached testimony.

Wade Williams: (ND Association of Counties; Supports) See attached testimony. Also points out that the people who chose the three counties were not from those counties.

Eldon Patterson: (Bowman County Commissioner; Supports) See attached testimony.

Christine Septon: (Bowman County Treasurer; Supports) See attached testimony.

John MacMartin: (Minot Area Chamber of Commerce; Opposes)

States that the current system has been in effect for 30-35 years and is a great example of privatizing in government. The branch offices belong in the private sector.

Senator O'Connell: How much money does the Minot Chamber of Commerce make?

John MacMartin: Approximately \$140,00-\$145,000.

Senator Stenehjem: What's the fee charged for vehicles?

John MacMartin: It varies, \$2-\$6.

Senator Trenbeath: So the Minot Chamber of Commerce is a private organization?

John MacMartin: Yes.

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Senator Mutch: Would this pose a serious threat to Minot?

John MacMartin: I don't see where these three projects would directly affect Minot, but it is a duplication of unnecessary services.

Senator O'Connell: Can you provide all the services in Minot that Bismarck does?

John MacMartin: Some things you have to get solely from Bismarck.

Senator Stenehjem: What would your response be if Max, Velva, and Burlington were the towns involved?

John Mac Martin: That we still do not need to duplicate services.

Tom Freier: (NDDOT; Both Neutral and Supportive) See attached testimony.

Keith Kiser: (Director of Motor Vehicle Division) Approaches the podium.

Senator Stenehjem: Will you explain the \$31,000 expenditures?

Keith Kiser: \$15,000 for equipment. The balance for personnel training, follow-up training/visits, and supplies.

Senator Stenehjem: Have you talked to county treasurers to see what equipment they have and do you feel comfortable with the security of the network?

Keith Kiser: Yes, and security is not an issue from my perspective.

Senator Stenehjem: At this point, there are 3 counties ready to foot the majority of the bill, it the county's and local persons decision to decide if no longer needed due to technological advances. Wouldn't this be an excellent time to check it out?

Senator Mutch: Are the 13 existing locations designated by stature?

Keith Kiser: Yes, the governor decides.

Senator Stenehjem: 2001 study may be too soon. 2003-2004 would be much more feasible. I request a new fiscal note and an amendment.

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Keith Klier: I will provide that.

Stacy Miller: (Slope County Treasurer; Supports) Gives support of bill.

Senator Bowman: This is a service to rural people to keep rural communities alive. Technology gives us this opportunity.

Senator O'Connell: Would you feel comfortable putting the stated three counties stated in law and look to move interim study to 2003-2004?

Senator Bowman: I'd be in favor.

Senator Stenehjem: I thought about the same idea to add counties, but now I think it's a bad idea because if one county changes their mind, it's stuck in there.

Rusty Pilenis: (Emmons County & ND Treasurer Association; Supports) We are not looking at this as a financial thing, it's all about service to our people and community.

Senator Stenehjem: *"All three County treasurers please stand up."*

Christine Septon, Linda Svihovec, and the Emmons County treasurer all stand.

Senator Stenehjem: Are all three of you willing to travel and train at Bismarck, provide necessary technical equipment, and take the training involved?

All three treasurers of affected counties state, "YES".

Senator Stenehjem: Clerk, let the record indicate that all three treasurers have agreed to this position.

Hearing closed on SB 2027.

Committee reconvened on 2-1-01.

Senator O'Connell motions to accept proposed amendment. Seconded by Senator Espgaard. Roll Call taken. 6-0-0. Senator Espgaard made a motion to Do Pass as amended. Seconded by Senator Bercier. Roll Call taken. 6-0-0. Floor carrier is Senator Stenehjem.

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Committee reopened on 2-8-01 due to missing amendments.

Senator Trenbeath moves to accept proposed amendment. Seconded by Senator Espegard. Roll

Call taken. 6-0-0. Senator Trenbeath made a motion to Do Pass as amended. Seconded by

Senator Mutch. Roll Call taken. 6-0-0. Floor carrier is Senator Stenchjem.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 12/14/2000

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Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$19,981)		(\$4,552)
Expenditures				\$31,716		\$7,226
Appropriations				\$31,716		\$7,226

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			(\$7,295)	(\$4,440)		(\$1,662)	(\$1,012)	

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

It is estimated that the overall cost to implement the provisions of this bill will be \$31,716 during the 2001-2003 biennium. The cost to continue the provisions of this bill during the 2003-2005 biennium are estimated to be \$7,226.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The appropriation increase necessary to implement the provisions of this bill will come from the Department's gross revenue collections, lowering the overall amount of money available to go into the Highway Tax Distribution Fund.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The expenditures are based on an estimate of the cost of computers and printers necessary to implement the provisions of this bill. Also included are estimated costs for training, supplies, and periodic on-site visitations by Department staff.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

The Department will require an appropriation increase to cover the costs associated with implementation of the provisions of this bill.

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