NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 105

SHORT TITLE: Raise Homestead Exemption

SPONSOR(S): Representative Ronald Smith
FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
Revenues: Increase () Decrease (X)
No Impact ()
No Estimate Available ()

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund () Local Fund (X) Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: The proposed act increases the property tax exemption amount from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and makes technical changes to the Homestead Exemption statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective for taxes collected for taxable years beginning on or after July 1,1994.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: The general funds of local units of government

| - | FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATE (\$ millions) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| LOCAL | FY 93-94 | FY 94-95 | FY 95-96 | FY 96-97 | FY 97-98 |
| REVENUES RECURRING (\$4.0) | (\$4.0) | (\$4.0) | (\$4.0) | (\$4.0) | |

(LOSS)

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Revenue Property Tax Division

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Currently, the loss in revenue from the Homestead Exemption is split between the State and the local units of government. The State reimburses local units 50% of the cost in an amount equal to \$8 million dollars. The local units are responsible for the remaining 50% or \$8 million dollars. The Homestead reimbursement distribution has been frozen at the FY 1990-91 amount and if this bill were to pass the increase in costs would not be shared at the 50%/50% split with the State. The reimbursement is made by the Secretary of Revenue, from corporate income tax collections, on or before May 31st, of each year.

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