

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 365 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Electronic Listing for Property Taxes

**SPONSOR(S):** Sen. Reeves

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	Yes ( )	No (X)	No Estimate Available (X)		
	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>					* No General Fund Impact *
<b>County Governments</b>					* See Assumptions and Methodology *
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>					* No General Fund Impact *
<b>County Governments</b>					* See Assumptions and Methodology *
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Local Governments that chose to participate.				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	When it becomes law.				

**BILL SUMMARY:** Under current law taxable personal property must be listed with the county assessor between January 1 and January 31. An extension can be granted until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Section 1 of the bill authorizes county commissioners to allow businesses to list their personal property electronically. The commissioners must define the procedures to file electronically. The assessor must publish these procedures including the timeline required by the commission. Section 2 gives the county commissioners the authority to extend the listing period for electronic filings up to June 1. Section 3 allows the use of electronic signatures on electronic business personal property listings.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** At present Fiscal Research is only aware of one county this is prepared to implement an electronic listing system for business personal property. That county is Wake. Because the Wake County system is fairly technologically advanced, they believe the only additional cost will be approximately \$25,000 in software changes. The county assessor believes they will be able to recoup this invest shortly through efficiencies created by electronic filing. Because the language is permissive no other counties are required to participate although others may choose to do so in the future.

Because many counties adopt their budget ordinance in mid-June, and only one county is currently prepared to accept electronic business personal property filings, very few counties are expected to extend the business personal property filing deadline to June 1 for electronic submissions. Because the language is permissive no county is required to extend the deadline for electronic filing.

Given that the language surrounding both of these items is permissive, no exact fiscal estimate is possible on the bill

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