Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB1059 Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE FOR ISSUANCE A CONSTABLE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

Basic Change :

Senator Hester

The bill creates a new special license plate that bears a decal to recognize constables, and adds a new definition to define "Constable" to mean a person who is elected under the Arkansas Constitution and the laws of the state to serve as a constable, and is currently serving as such for and in the county of his or her residence. DFA is required to create a decal for a constable as defined in the bill to be attached to a standard issue plate with a decal "Constable" across the bottom of the plate in lieu of the current legend "The Natural State". In order to obtain a constable plate, a person must provide adequate proof the he or she is a constable as defined in the bill.

Revenue Impact :

Unknown increase in the State Central Services Fund, depending on how many constables choose to register their vehicles with the new plate.

Taxpayer Impact :

Constables as defined in the bill could register their vehicles with the new plate.

Resources Required :

A supply of "Constable" decals must be acquired and maintained.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided with the January 1, 2014 effective date.

Procedural Changes :

Program the motor vehicle system for issuance of the new plate and revise Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute to Revenue Offices.

Other Comments :

None

Legal Analysis :

SB1059 creates a new license plate for individuals who are constables. The bill adds constables to the list of public servants and soldiers recognized. It adds constables to the definitions section of the subchapter and then proscribes the method by which eligible applicants may receive and renew the honorary plates.

This is a regular license plate with a "constable" decal. The fee is the regular registration fee with a \$10 administrative fee for the benefit of the Revenue Division.

The effective date is on or after January 1, 2014.

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