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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Klopfenstein and Rogers

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

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Highlights

- The bill increases salaries for county engineers that, in addition to serving as a county engineer, also have a private practice. Counties could incur costs of up to \$33,000 a year to pay affected county engineers.

Detailed Analysis

The bill eliminates the compensation schedule applicable to county engineers with a private practice. Instead, the bill subjects all county engineers to the compensation schedule currently applicable to county engineers without a private practice. Continuing law establishes annual salary increases for county engineers totaling 1.75% each year through 2028. As a result, counties whose county engineer has a private practice would incur additional payroll costs of up to roughly \$29,000 in 2024 and increasing to slightly more than \$33,000 per year by 2028.

The bill also permits a board of county commissioners, when the office of county engineer is vacant, to contract with another county's county engineer to perform the duties of county engineer in that county. Under this circumstance, the county engineer would receive supplemental compensation from the contracting county based on the statutory compensation schedule and prorated for the duration of the contract. Although this would increase the total compensation received by the contracted county engineer, there is no fiscal effect for the contracting county, as it would otherwise be paying its own county engineer the same amount during the contracted period.

Finally, the bill prohibits a county engineer from engaging in the private practice of engineering or surveying in a county in which the person is the county engineer or acting county engineer. This change also has no fiscal effect.