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**H.B. 412**  
**136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Swearingen

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The bill permits a village to contract with a county prosecuting attorney to serve as the village's legal adviser. Presumably, a village would opt to do this to obtain legal services at a lower cost than contracting with their current provider of legal services.
- Costs incurred by county prosecutors for providing legal services would be offset by fees paid by villages according to contract. These fees would be deposited into the prosecuting attorney's legal services fund.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill permits a village to contract with a county prosecuting attorney to serve as the village's legal adviser. The bill could lower legal services costs for them where county prosecuting attorneys are able to provide legal advice and representation at a lower cost than provided in current contracts with outside counsel. While county prosecutors could incur new costs to provide legal services to these entities, those costs would be offset by legal fees to be paid by the villages according to contract. The bill specifies that any fees collected by prosecuting attorneys for their services to villages are to be deposited into the county's prosecuting attorney's legal services fund.