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HB 2206 - Authority for State Provision of Some County Services

Summary: HB 2206 provides statutory authority for four agencies to assume responsibility or facilitate certain county functions in the event a county is not providing that function or service.

Background: In light of expiring federal forest payments, real possibilities exist that some local governments may be unable to continue funding certain critical services. Services falling within the scope of four state agencies have been identified as needing additional authority in order for the state to assume appropriate levels of responsibility if necessary.

Solution: HB2206 provides the necessary authority for four agencies to assume appropriate responsibility for identified functions or programs in the following areas:

- Secretary of State's Office: Expressly gives the office authority to assume any county election function. A declaration of a fiscal emergency by the Governor would initiate the Secretary of State's responsibility to assume election(s) functions.
- Veterans Department: Allows monies otherwise going to a county for a veteran's service officer, to be used by the Veterans' Department if a county is not providing the services. The Department would assume responsibility for service provision.
- Department of Revenue: Allows the Department to assume property tax assessment or tax collection responsibilities if the county is unable to provide those services. HB 2206 allows the Department of Revenue to receive repayment of expenses associated with administration of these duties through county property tax collections.
- Department of Consumer and Business Services (Building Codes Division): Grants authority to establish agreements for building inspection programs where municipalities have failed to carry out their building inspection programs, or for public bodies that request agreements.

Fiscal Impact: Indeterminate

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