

Good morning Janet,

It has just come to my attention H.899 which I see is now in your committee. Not being a member of the VT Municipal Clerk's and Treasurer's Association I was not privy to the discussion. I have concerns with the bill and the impact on the salary for clerk's who derive their salary on the fees. From my calculations it will be a decrease. I plan on taking a month of recording fee and figuring out the difference. What concerns me the most is the enactment date. Most Towns will be voting on their budgets on Town meeting day and the 7/1/2018 date leaves no time for budget changes. This might be for towns who have set an amount to be used against their town clerk's budget or as I said a substantial reduction in town clerk's salary. I would like to testify when you bring the bill up. Thank you for your time.

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