

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote: 8 - 1 - 1
Yeas: Barton, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Whisnant, Barker
Nays: Cameron
Exc.: Stiegler
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Meeting Dates: 4/24, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes new fees, increases to existing fees and increases to base fines for the Judicial Department. Creates a State Judicial Stabilization Fund. Appropriates new fees to the Stabilization Fund, while increases to existing fees are appropriated to the General Fund. Redirects fees from certain court-collected judgments from the General Fund to the Judicial Department Collections Account. Creates a State Court Technology Account, funded in part by a \$10 assessment on many filing fees and fines. Appropriates money; provides for raising revenue that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support for the Judicial Department’s judgment in crafting these proposals

EFFECT OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original bill.

BACKGROUND: This bill is a package of revenue options prepared by the Judicial Department, that raise a projected \$38.8 million. The revenue proposals are divided into three general categories:

(1) Create new fees or service charges:	
Total funds estimate for 09-11	\$20.6 million
(2) Increase or expand existing fees or charges:	
Total funds estimate for 09-11	\$14.2 million
(3) Increases to base fines (violations):	
Total funds estimate for 09-11	\$ 4.0 million
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	\$38.8 million

The State Judicial Stabilization Fund is created to pay “expenses related to maintaining stable and equitable operation of the state court system.” The State Court Technology Account is created to pay expenses related to the development and maintenance of the Judicial Department’s technology systems.