

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. G. Smith
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

Revenue: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 21 – 3 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Read, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays: Freeman

Exc: Cowan

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Girod, Thomsen

Exc:

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Meeting Date: February 17, 2012

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes technical changes to the current law implementation of HB 2710 (2011). Clarifies the financial implementation of HB 2710 (civil fee) by specifying what fees are applicable when, payable by whom, and for what amount; re-establishes the exemption for the court charging public bodies a copy fee; and also codifies the fees established by Chief Justice Order; among other technical changes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for the measure and the few statutory changes arising from the implementation of HB 2710
- Legislative Counsel explanatory cover memorandum
- Amendment
- Interim Committee on State Court Justice System Review

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Directs the State Court Administrator to study the historic funding levels of county law library and conciliation and mediation services and report back to the Legislature Assembly by December 31, 2012.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2710 (2011) updated and simplified the current statutory revenue and distribution structure related to civil filing fees and assessments.

House Bill 2710 was one of three measures resulting from the efforts of the Joint Interim Committee on State Justice System Revenues, which was established by House Bill 2287 (2009).