

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Barton, Garrett, Hicks, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes appointment of Chief Judicial Marshal and deputy judicial marshals and charges them with implementing a physical security plan of judges and staff. Subjects the marshals to rules established by Chief Justice. Designates properly trained marshals as peace officers. Clarifies judicial marshals are not police officers for purposes of the public employment retirement system (PERS). Declares emergency, effective on passage

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 49 A clarifies that House Bill 4163 (2012 session) covers physical security for judges, staff, and the public doing business in state court facilities. Senate Bill 49 A establishes a new naming protocol that designates the chief security office and other security personnel as “Judicial Security Marshals” appointed by the Chief Justice. Designating the marshals as peace officers authorizes them to detain individuals and have the legal authority to carry out their duties subject to the personnel rules and policies established by the Chief Justice. In addition, Senate Bill 49 A allows the use of funds from the State Court Facilities and Security Account to fund positions in the judicial department dedicated to security.