

HB 2029 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 1/17, 1/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases minimum to 10-point type size for instruments presented for recording to county clerks.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- National standard font size
- Recording documents for readability in 100 years
- Communication and counseling by clerks to implement requirement

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute establishes the conditions for county clerks to accept any instrument for recording, including a minimum font size of 8-point type. Where an instrument presented for recording does not comply with the requirements, a county clerk is authorized to charge and collect a \$20 penalty.

House Bill 2029 changes the minimum font size to 10-point type.