HB 2029 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/21/23

Action: Do pass. Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Knopp, Lieber, Manning Jr, Steiner

Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/16, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Meeting the national standard of 10-point type
- The allowance of historical documents that don't have 10-point type, if their font size was legal at the time of their recording

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.

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr