

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2043

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**2. Patron** Rust

**3. Committee** H. Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Sequestration of record; sealing records for electronic access.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Requires a case file to be sealed from remote electronic access at a party's request. After the case is sealed, only the court and registered counsel of record in the case are allowed remote electronic access to the file. A party may access his own sealed file by remote electronic means and the public may access an index of filed documents. There is not a limit placed on access of an electronically sealed file by anyone who personally appears at the clerk's office and requests to view a file.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Tentative, see #8 below.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:**

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the fiscal impact could be absorbed within current court appropriations.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The court system.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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