

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB1129

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Norment

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Court fees and costs.

5. Summary/Purpose: Reallocates the fixed fee for misdemeanors, traffic infractions, and other violations in circuit and district court. Removes local share from the fixed fee schedule and establishes them as separate fees. Codifies 2002 budget amendment increasing civil filing fees from \$12 to \$16. Increases the fixed fee by \$5.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04	7,648,362	0	General Fund
2004-05	7,648,362	0	General Fund

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Supreme Court, in the 2002 calendar year there were 1,538,814 traffic convictions with a fee collection rate of 89.37 percent. Increasing this fee by \$4 would result in additional general fund revenues of \$5.5 million.

In addition, according to the Supreme Court there were 788,300 civil cases and 1,359,110 criminal and traffic cases. Therefore, increasing the fee for misdemeanors, criminal actions, and traffic infractions by \$1 would result in an additional \$2.1 million in additional general fund revenues.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Court System, Sheriffs

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: The Senate included \$7.45 million assumed revenue from this legislation in the Senate amendment package.

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