

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB509

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Marrs

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Courts of record; disposition of papers.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Allows the clerk of the circuit court to use an electronic format for the archiving of records, papers, and documents of cases, as long as the clerk preserves them in accordance with the standards of the Virginia Library Board.

6. Fiscal impact estimates cannot be determined. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The potential costs of this legislation cannot be determined at this time. First, the proposed change allows but does not require clerks to store documents electronically. Second, the most significant costs of electronic storage are likely to be the costs of updating stored documents so that they can be read in the future. This may involve changing the format of documents, or converting them to different software, operating systems and storage media. Because of the pace of change in electronic storage technology, and uncertainty as to the volume of documents that will be stored electronically, it is not possible to predict these costs. However, the costs of multiple mass conversion of documents to new formats or media over time as technology advances could be substantial.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Circuit court clerks.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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