

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB973ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Howell

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Creation of Pro Hac Vice Fund

5. Summary/Purpose: Establishes the Pro Hac Vice Fund as a special, nonreverting fund comprised of fees collected for applications to associate counsel (out-of-state attorneys). Moneys in the Fund are to be used by the Supreme Court for improving the administration of justice. The fee, under new Rule 1A:4, will be \$250.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final (see item 8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Rule 1A:4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia will require a \$250 application fee to out of state lawyers who wish to appear *pro hac vice* as counsel in any matter pending before a tribunal in the Commonwealth of Virginia. According to the Supreme Court, data is not available as to how many cases involve *pro hac vice* admissions. For every 100 cases involving pro hac vice admissions, only \$25,000 is generated from this fee. Any fees collected would need to be appropriated either administratively or in future budgets to allow expenditure by the Supreme Court.

In the General Assembly conference budget report, no appropriation was provided for this legislation.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Courts, Department of Accounts

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to HB2115ER.

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