

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1178-H1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Forgery; penalty.**

5. Summary: Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor (a fine up to \$2,500 and/or up to 12 months in jail) to affix a facsimile or likeness of the signature of another person to any writing without permission.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: PRELIMINARY.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to the legislation at this time, the legislation could result in an increase in the jail population. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent FY2006 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2007), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$28.42 per inmate, per day in FY 2006.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails, law enforcement agencies statewide, State Compensation Board.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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