

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2174

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

**2. Patron:** Joannou

**3. Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Appeals from courts not of record; civil cases; amount in controversy.

**5. Summary:** Reduces from \$50 to \$20 the amount of the matter in controversy above which an appeal of right exists in a civil case.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item #8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would permit additional appeals from the general district court to the circuit court, potentially increasing the number of circuit filing fees collected. According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), there are very few judgments obtained in general district court that fall between \$20 and \$50 and due to cost in the circuit court, very few of these cases are likely to be appealed to circuit court. As proposed, this legislation is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact on the court system.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None