

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 296

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

2. Patron: DeSteph

3. Committee: Passed by both houses

4. Title: Special conservators of the peace

5. Summary:

Under current law, circuit court judges may appoint special conservators of the peace, who have certain law-enforcement authority. The proposed legislation would make several changes in the provisions related to the appointment:

1. Currently, the law requires that the applicant submit the results of a background investigation conducted by any state or local law-enforcement agency. The proposed legislation would require that the background investigation include a review of the applicant's criminal history records.
2. Another provision of the legislation would prohibit the appointment as a special conservator of the peace any person who would be prohibited by law from possessing, transporting, or purchasing a firearm.
3. Finally, the proposed legislation would require a special conservator of the peace to report to the Department of Criminal Justice Services if he becomes ineligible for registration or appointment as a special conservator of the peace.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The Department of Criminal Justice Services regulates special conservators of the peace and all persons appointed, or seeking appointment, as a special conservator of the peace are required to register with the department. It is not anticipated that there will be any fiscal impact on the department as a result of the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
Circuit courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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