

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1068ER

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: Edwards

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Fees collected by circuit court clerks

5. Summary: Provides that the clerk shall not charge a fee for the filing of a responsive pleading that was formerly known in equity as a cross-bill or cross-complaint.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (Indeterminate -see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Supreme Court of Virginia (SCV), they are unable to identify how many responsive pleadings are now filed that were formerly known in equity as cross-bills or cross-complaints prior to the merger of law and equity. In addition, it may be that some circuit courts charged for these filings in the past, whereas others did not. It is reasonable to conclude that there will be some decline in revenues to the Commonwealth from the loss of these filing fees. However, the fiscal impact can not be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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