

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2061ER

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: Kilgore

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Electronic filing in civil proceedings; fee.

5. Summary: Increases from \$2 to \$5 the amount that a circuit court with an established electronic filing system may charge for every civil case initially filed by paper.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), there are 24 circuit courts with electronic filing capabilities through the OES developed Virginia Judiciary E-filing System (VJEFS). Additionally, there are approximately 5 circuit courts which use a different, proprietary electronic filing system.

The bill increases the fee from \$2 to \$5 that a circuit court with an established electronic filing system can charge for every civil case initially filed by paper. OES believes there are currently 4 courts that assess this fee. The fee is deposited into the clerk's non-reverting local fund and used exclusively to pay for operational expenses. This bill has no state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None