

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2296-H1

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

2. Patron: Leftwich

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Rights of persons with disabilities; procedures for certain actions, website accessibility.

5. Summary: Provides that when a complaint is filed alleging that the website of a bank, trust company, savings institution, or credit union does not comply with applicable law regarding its accessibility by the vision impaired or hearing impaired, the responsive pleading deadline shall be extended to 120 days after service of the summons and complaint upon the defendant to give such an entity an opportunity to cure any defect regarding its website accessibility. The bill further provides that, if the defendant files a responsive pleading stating that it has cured the defect, the court shall hold an evidentiary issue on the issue. The bill provides that the court shall dismiss an action or prayer for injunctive relief where it has found that the defendant has cured such a defect. The bill further provides that, in such a circumstance, the court may award reasonable attorney fees to the plaintiff.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission and courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.