

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Not Required</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB2X mirrors the language of sections 5 and 11 contained in HB1603 (2009).

The measure allows a plaintiff to dismiss an action without an order of the court any time before the pretrial hearing. After the pretrial hearing, an action may only be dismissed, without prejudice unless otherwise stated in the notice of dismissal, by agreement of both parties or by the court. Furthermore, the measure requires the court to dismiss the action without prejudice if service of process is not made upon a defendant within 180 days after filing the petition. Previously, it was at the discretion of the court to dismiss the action.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Not required.

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**Other Considerations**

None.