

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2162
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Impact:	\$18,000,000 Annually \$80,000 Audit cost

Research Analysis

Please see previous summary of this measure.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to officials at the Supreme Court, “HB2162 requires the State Auditor to conduct a financial and performance audit of the Court Information System Revolving Fund. According to the State Auditor’s office, a financial and performance audit would cost approximately \$80,000.

HB2162 eliminates the \$25 fee on all civil and criminal cases at the end of FY-17. This fee provides approximately \$18 million annually to the Court. It costs about \$16 million annually to cover the costs of the current network system. The remaining revenue is designated for the development of a new unified case management system. Loss of this fee would shut down the Court’s IT department and the OSCN network, as the fee pays for 100% of the costs to provide those services. Court clerks, district attorneys and other users of the network would be without access.

Currently, there is \$5.3 million of computer equipment in the county courthouses, all being provided by the Court’s IT department. Without the fee revenue, these expenses would shift to the counties who would then be responsible for the purchase of their own T-1 lines, computers, printers, servers and software.”

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Other Considerations

None.