

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1068
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Impact:	Dependent Upon the Number of Cases

Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

The Committee Substitute for HB1068 requires the state to pay for the DNA testing if done by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), and authorizes the court to determine whether the state or the petitioner pay for the DNA testing if done by an outside laboratory. The measure authorizes the court to appoint counsel for petitioners, but does not specify who will pay for counsel.

According to the OSBI, it will cost approximately \$1,000 per case for the post-conviction DNA testing. The fiscal impact to the OSBI would be dependent upon the number of cases where the sentencing court orders post-conviction DNA testing.

According to the Administrative Director of the Courts, if the costs will be paid from local court funds, it will adversely affect the funds paid into the State Judicial Revolving Fund and require the Legislature to appropriate additional General Revenue to support the courts. Although it is unknown how many convicted persons will request post conviction DNA testing, and/or appointed counsel, the Court Administrator expects the cost per case to be substantial. The fiscal impact to the courts would be dependent upon the number of cases where the court appoints counsel for petitioners.

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Other Considerations

None