

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2686
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	9799
Author:	Representative Grau
Date:	2/17/2014
Impact:	Minimal Cost Increase District Court Budget

Research Analysis

Introduced HB2686 requires any claim or challenge regarding the constitutionality of a state statute to be considered and ruled upon by a panel of at least three district judges from the judicial district in which the case is pending. Panel judges will be assigned randomly and associate district judges may also serve on the panel. If a three judge panel cannot be formed, the panel may consist of only two judges. The measure requires findings to be made by written opinion if the panel finds a state statute to be unconstitutional. The measure does not prevent the Supreme Court from assuming original jurisdiction of the case.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the Administrative Director of the Courts, HB2686 will increase the workload of judicial officers and increase travel costs, but the increase would not be substantial.

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Other Considerations

None.