

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3276
Version:	Introduced
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

HB 3278, as introduced, allows a court or a prosecuting attorney to determine whether property or money held as evidence or in connection with litigation may be disposed of by the municipal police department which has possession of the property. The measure also allows a municipality to transfer money held as evidence into a deposit account to be held for the benefit of known or unknown owners prior to a court order for disposition. The bill provides that no forfeiture proceeding is necessary to authorize destruction of property that cannot be returned lawfully to its owner, such as deadly weapons, drugs, or explosives. A municipality would be authorized to provide written notice at the time of a person's arrest or detention that certain property would be available for return within 90 days if not seized as evidence, and if the property seized is worth less than \$250 no further notice would be required before obtaining a court order for disposition of the property.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.