

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 957
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
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Impact:	No direct impact to state anticipated

Research Analysis

SB 957 modifies the procedures for assigning Justices or Judges in substitution of recused or disqualified Justices or Judges. The measure specifies that no Justice or Judge may sit on any case to which he or she presided over previously, regardless of which court heard the case. The measure also requires the Governor to assign a retired Supreme Court Justice to the matter or to a member of the State Bar if no Justice is available when a Justice recuses from the case. Additionally, the measure provides for the Governor to assign a retired member of the Court of Criminal Appeals if a member recuses him or herself. If no member is available, the Governor is to assign a Judge from the Court of Civil Appeals to the matter in substitution of the recused or disqualified member there is no retired judge available.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure provides procedure for the substitution of Supreme Court Justices and Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals in cases where justices and judges have been recused or disqualified.

Upon review, no direct impact to state revenues or expenditures is anticipated from passage of the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.