

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB453 |
| Version: | ENGR |
| Request Number: | |
| Author: | Rep. Harris |
| Date: | 5/6/2025 |
| Impact: | \$0 |

Research Analysis

Engrossed SB453 modifies the process and timelines for offers of judgement in a civil proceeding. The measure allows the defending party to propose settlement terms up to seven days before trial and gives the opposing party five days to accept. If liability has been determined, but the extent of liability is unknown, an offer can still be made and accepted at least seven days before the hearing to determine the extent of liability.

When a settlement offer is rejected and the judgment amount is less than or equal to the original offer, the offeree must pay the litigation costs of the offeror, for costs incurred after the offer was made. If the judgement amount is greater than the original settlement offer, then the offeree will be entitled to recovery of their litigation costs from the offeror.

The measure also repeals two sections of law, Title 12, [Section 1101.1](#) and [Section 1106](#), which both deal with the settlement offer process.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Engrossed version of SB453 modifies civil procedures related to offers of judgement. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.