

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB632
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Request Number:	
Author:	Speaker Hilbert PPT Paxton
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Impact:	AOC: \$2,000,000 minimum, additional leasing costs expected

Research Analysis

Floor amendment 3 to SB632 requires all parties in any action that may be subject to the jurisdiction of a business court to agree to have the case heard in business court.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Engrossed version of SB632 creates the business court division within the District Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Officials with the AOC have provided the following cost analysis of the measure:

The following costs do not include real property costs to house the Business Courts, as such costs are undeterminable until the locations are selected or specified within the measure. Purchasing, leasing, and/or remodeling costs cannot be calculated pending further legislative instruction.

	Total Cost
Business Court District Judges	\$ 677,760
Law Clerks	825,156
Court Reporters	230,712
Secretary Bailiffs	155,752
Computers, software, misc. expenses for start up, benefit increases, etc.	110,620
	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>

Therefore, in its current form, this measure is anticipated to have a total cost of at least \$2,000,000 to the AOC, as well as unknown additional costs for building/leasing. The AOC would seek additional funding to defray these costs.

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Other Considerations

None.

