

# Senate Fiscal Summary

## 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature



### Senate Bill 138

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<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Administrative Office of the Courts</b>
<b>Senate Author:</b>	<b>Weaver</b>
<b>House Author:</b>	
<b>FY'26 Impact:</b>	<b>\$206,667</b>
<b>Full Year Impact:</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>

#### **Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:**

SB 138 authorizes the use of electronic means to deliver a summons for a civil trial. The measure specifies that electronic means may be used if a copy of the summons and petition cannot be personally delivered after 3 attempts to the named defendant. If the summons is delivered by electronic means, a copy shall also be sent to the defendant by certified mail. The electronic summons shall include a hyperlink to a secure application that tracks and provides evidence of whether the electronic mail notification was bounced back, returned, received, or opened, and whether a copy of the summons was viewed or downloaded by the named defendant. When the summons and petition are sent by electronic mail by the court clerk, the court clerk shall notify the plaintiff's attorney within three days after the return receipt electronic mail was received. Per the Administrative Office of the Courts, the programming, software, and IT costs to implement these provisions would be \$310,000.

Fiscal Impact provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts