

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 606** SLS 14RS 1332

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Electronic Signatures		

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Provides for the use of electronic signatures by judges and justices. (8/1/14)

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a judge or justice presiding over a court in this state may sign court orders, notices, official court documents, and other writings, required to be executed in connection with court proceedings, by use of an electronic signature as defined by present law.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an increase in state general fund and local fund expenditures as result of allowing the judge of any court in the state to use electronic signatures. Any cost incurred would be for a court that does not have electronic signature equipment to purchase such equipment. Any SGF costs would be for the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal and any local fund costs would be for district courts.

NOTE: On December 17, 2013, the Attorney General issued opinion #13-0158, which answered the question "whether judges may sign judgments using an electronic signature" as no. The Attorney General further stated "it is the opinion of this office that, absent authorizing legislation and adopted Rules of Court, judges may not sign judgments using an electronic signature."

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |


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