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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 969** HLS 24RS 1214

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.: **HB 663**

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Subject: Court proceedings conducted via remote technology		

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Provides relative to court proceedings to be conducted via remote technology

Proposed law provides that in any civil proceeding that does not require witness testimony or the introduction of evidence, a party may provide written notice to the court at least ten days prior to the scheduled hearing date that he will appear remotely. Provided the court has the requisite technology, the court shall allow the party to appear by audio-visual means, unless the court provides written reasons declining the remote appearance for good cause. Proposed law requires the court to ensure the technology enables all parties to fully participate, require that a remote appearance abide by any necessary privacy and security requirements, and have a process for a party, court reporter, or other court personnel to alert of any technology or audibility issues arising during a remote proceeding.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Present law currently allows courts to conduct civil proceedings remotely at their own discretion. Proposed law gives parties in court proceedings the right to appear remotely upon giving notice; however, the court may require the party to appear in person if the court does not have the requisite technology or provides written reasons declining the remote appearance for good cause.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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