

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1162
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Impact:	Creates 2 misdemeanors and one associated fine

Research Analysis

HB1162, as introduced relates to process servers. The measure extends process service applicability to all court documents, as opposed to simply civil case court documents. The measure prohibits persons convicted of a violent crime or sex offense to be licensed as a process server. Current process server licensees who have committed a violent crime or sex offense are ineligible for license renewal. The measure removes the requirement that license applicants post notice of application hearing in a newspaper. The measure adds that hearing notice shall be delivered to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The measure creates a misdemeanor for any person serving processing without a license. The measure creates a misdemeanor for assaulting a process server while performing his/her duties and for allowing an animal to be released while a process server is performing his/her duties. The measure exempts process servers licensed in other states.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1162, creates two misdemeanors and one which is punishable by a fine up to \$1000 and county jail time. This could increase state fine revenue; however, the exact impact is contingent upon how many individuals are found guilty and the amount of the fine they are required to pay.

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Other Considerations

None.