

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1777
Version:	FA1
Request Number:	7975
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Impact:	District Courts: \$3,044,710

Research Analysis

The CS to HB 1777 creates the Fines Assessed and Imposed Reasonably (FAIR) Act. The measure modifies the structure of fees collected by the courts for various offenses.

THE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE:

FA1 to HB 1777 removes all previous language. The amendment adds a new Section 1 which removes the ability of the court clerk to assess an administrative fee of 15% on all fees collected by the court clerk for agencies other than the court and not deposited into the court fund. The measure deletes the District Court Revolving Fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor amendment to this measure deletes all previous language. In its current form, the District Court Revolving Fund is removed and court clerks will no longer assess a 15% administrative fee from certain agency fees. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the following 5 year average of collections from this fee:

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5 year average
\$2,717,306	\$3,187,174	\$3,087,975	\$3,161,202	\$3,069,893	\$3,044,710

Based on these collections, the courts estimate a negative fiscal impact of \$3,044,710 per year.

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Other Considerations

None.