

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2138</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>POLPCS1</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>12279</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB2138 provides that a motion or hearing for default judgement is not required if a defendant fails to file a written response within 20 days after being served with a summons or petition. Failure to file a written response does not prevent an evidentiary hearing to determine the amount of damages to be awarded.

Additionally, the measure clarifies that any funds collected on a judgment during the pendency of an appeal that is subsequently overturned also bears interest.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The POLPCS1 to HB2138 sets forth that a motion or hearing for default judgement is not required in certain proceedings, and clarifies that certain funds that are collected but subsequently overturned shall also bear interest. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.