


<b>1999 Session</b>		LRB Number <b>4016/2</b>
<b>FISCAL ESTIMATE</b> DOA-2048 N(R06/99)		Bill Number <b>AB 671</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPDATED <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL		
<b>Subject</b>  <b>Filing Fees in Harassment Actions</b>		Amendment No. if Applicable  Administrative Rule Number
<b>Fiscal Effect</b> State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No local government costs		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected: <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S		<b>Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations</b> 20.680(2)(j)
<b>Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate</b>  <p>This bill eliminates the court fees that a person who petitions a court for a harassment TRO or injunction must pay and provides that the subject of the order or injunction would pay the costs if he or she violates the order or injunction. This is similar to the provisions that presently exist for domestic abuse TRO's and injunctions.</p> <p>In 1999, there were an estimated 4,200 harassment actions filed in the circuit courts. The total court costs assessed when filing this type of action is \$124. If a person filing this action asks to have the fees waived because of indigency the court may do so if it determines that the person is indigent. The state's share of these fees is \$94 and the county's share is \$30. Various surcharges are part of the state's share including the circuit court automation fee, the court support services fee and the justice information fee.</p> <p>It is impossible to predict how much revenue will be lost to the state and county because it is not known how often these fees are currently waived or how often the orders and injunctions are violated. For example purposes only, if 50% of the harassment action filed presently paid the fee an estimated \$197,400 would be lost to the state and 63,000 to the county under this bill.</p> <p>It is also expected that once the fee is eliminated additional actions will be filed in the circuit court. These actions are handled both by judges and court commissioners. Judges are paid for by the state while court commissioners are paid for by the county. What the exact caseload increase would be is impossible to predict with the data available.</p>		
<b>Long-Range Fiscal Implications</b>		
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**FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET**

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect  
DOA-2047 (R06/99)

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**Filing Fees in Harassment Actions**

I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)		( FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs			-
Local Assistance			-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			-
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$ -
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR		\$	\$ -
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S			-
<b>State Revenues</b>	Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	<b>Increased Rev.</b>	<b>Decreased Rev.</b>
GPR Taxes		\$	\$ -
GPR Earned			-indeter.
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-indeter.
SEG/SEG-S			-
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$ -indeter.

**NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT**

STATE

LOCAL

NET CHANGE IN COSTS                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + indeter.                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + indeter.  
 NET CHANGE IN REVENUES                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - indeter.                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - indeter.

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