DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Albers:

The e-mail message from Krista Ginger to Joyce Waldrop dated June 21, 2005, indicates that the director of the SPD trial division and the SPD collections staff interpret the current SPD fee statute (s. 977.075) differently. I asked Krista to clarify the directions in the e-mail. Krista stated that the redraft should do the following:

- 1. Make clear that s. 977.075 directs the SPD to establish two different fee schedules: one schedule for regular payments, and a separate schedule for discount amounts that a client may pay at the beginning of representation.
- 2. Direct SPD to establish by rule the time period in which a client may pay the discount amount.
- 3. Eliminate the language regarding partial payments, because it is not utilized and is confused with the discount fee for paying at the beginning of representation.

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