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2007 Senate Bill 170

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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Senate Bill 170 requires a clerk of circuit court to mail a document, prepared by the Director of State Courts, to all civil litigants describing the Supreme Court rules regarding recusal and impartiality of judges and the procedure to follow to review and copy statements of economic interests filed by judges with the Ethics Board. The Director of State Courts, under the bill, must prepare this document in plain English and make sufficient copies of the document available to each circuit court without charge. The clerk of court may not charge a party for the cost of mailing the document.

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the clerk of circuit court must provide, rather than mail, to civil litigants the document prepared by the Director of State Courts.

Senate Amendment 2 removes the requirement that the Director of State Courts make sufficient copies of its document available to each circuit court without charge. Instead, the amendment provides that the Director of State Courts must make the document itself available to each circuit court without charge.

Legislative History

On May 9, 2007, the Senate adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 on voice votes and passed Senate Bill 170 on a vote of Ayes, 19; and Noes, 14.

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