

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 19** SLS 24RS 260

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> April 10, 2024              | 7:58 PM | <b>Author:</b> SEABAUGH         |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Courts                |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet |
| <b>Subject:</b> Jury Bonds in Civil Acts |         |                                 |

CIVIL PROCEDURE

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Provides for jury bonds in civil actions. (8/1/24)

Current law provides that a party may obtain a trial by jury by filing a pleading demanding a trial by jury and a bond in the amount and within the time set by the court; provides that in a tort action where a petitioner stipulates or otherwise judicially admits that the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, and is less than \$50,000, a party requesting a jury trial shall provide a cash deposit in the amount of \$5,000; provides that when a case is set for trial, the court may provide for a supplemental bond or cash deposit. Proposed law provides that a party may obtain a trial by jury by filing a pleading demanding a trial by jury and a bond in the amount and within the time set by the court; removes the requirement that a party requesting a jury trial provide a cash deposit in the amount of \$5,000 in a tort action where a petitioner stipulates or otherwise judicially admits that the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, and is less than \$50,000; removes the courts ability to provide for an additional supplemental bond or cash deposit for payment of costs related to juries.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2024-25    | 2025-26    | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>    |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>    |
| Ded./Other          | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>    |
| Federal Funds       | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>    |
| Local Funds         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b>    |

| REVENUES            | 2024-25    | 2025-26    | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| Federal Funds       | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>    |
| Local Funds         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b>    |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

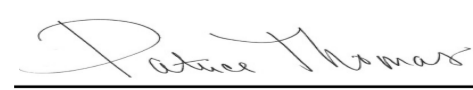
The proposed law would limit requests for civil jury trials by requiring only the filing of a pleading demanding a jury trial along with the filing of a bond within the amount set by the court, and removes the court's ability to provide for an additional supplemental bond or cash deposit for payment of costs related to juries. With proposed law's enactment, a request for a civil jury trial would occur only with the filing of a bond by the party requesting a jury trial in the amount set by the court (according to estimated costs), with costs of civil jury trials assessed at their conclusion (judgments, settlements, or dismissals) to the party against whom costs are rendered. The bill does not contemplate any costs of civil jury trials in any amount estimated by the court, secured by jury bonds, or paid by the party against whom costs are assessed, being assumed by state or local governments. Thus, there is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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