

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 421** SLS 26RS 942

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Filing of Electronic Records		

CLERKS OF COURT OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to the filing of electronic records. (8/1/26)

Current law provides for authorization of clerks of court, ex officio recorders, and registers of conveyances and recorders of mortgages throughout the state relative to making additional copies, purchasing or leasing equipment for photorecording, photocopying, microfilming, and electronic imaging, and defraying costs associated with copying, reproducing, and retrieving records out of any funds available in the clerk's salary fund; provides for destruction of criminal records; provides for rules on photostatic, photographic, microfilm, and other photographic or electronic copies of records; provides that no cause of action for any claim shall exist against a clerk of court for any damage or loss resulting from the return or destruction of an original record. Proposed law specifies district clerks of court and removes registers of conveyances and recorders of mortgages as clerks to which current law applies; authorizes district clerks of court and ex officio recorders to purchase software and services used to convert records into an electronic record as equipment they are permitted to use clerk's salary funds to purchase; removes nonrewritable magnetic, optical, and laser-type storage media as storage media used to retain copies of criminal records; provides that all rules adopted by the Department of State on retention and storage of records of public bodies shall apply to all records provided in current law and that each clerk shall maintain a locally available copy of records destroyed.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law, which is permissive in nature, updates rules regarding the copying of records; permits district court clerks to purchase equipment used to photorecord, photocopy, microfilm, and electronically image records; and governs the retention and storage of records.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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

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 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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