

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 1070

2026 Regular Session

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CRIMINAL/JUSTICE: Provides relative to the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Decreases the population threshold in municipalities where the \$1 assessment applies from 2,000 or less to 100 or less.
2. Requires the \$3 special court cost in present law to be used for coordination with and implementation of related technology projects provided by the authority of the Court Modernization and Technology Fund.
3. Permits modification of the amounts authorized in present law to account for inflation by considering the changes in the Consumer Price Index. Further provides for modifications in increments of 50¢ and prohibits the total adjustment amount from exceeding \$4.
4. Requires any modification pursuant to proposed law to be implemented by the supreme court only after approval following a favorable recommendation by the Judicial Council that the amount meets all of the council's applicable guidelines.
5. Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2026.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides relative to a defendant's liability for costs with respect to prosecution or certain proceedings.

Proposed law generally retains present law.

Present law requires an additional \$3 assessment as a special court cost for a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or an ordinance of any local government, including a traffic felony, a traffic misdemeanor, or a local traffic violation.

Proposed law retains present law and does the following:

- (1) Clarifies that the additional \$3 assessment is in addition to the costs assessed for a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law and for the expenses of executing a bench or fugitive warrant.
- (2) Prohibits the suspension of the \$3 special court cost provided in present law.
- (3) Requires the \$3 special court cost to be used for the coordination with and implementation of related technology projects provided by the authority of the Court Modernization and Technology Fund.

Present law requires an additional \$1 assessment as a special court in mayor's courts with municipalities with a population of 2,000 or less.

Proposed law decreases the population threshold in municipalities where the \$1 assessment applies from 2,000 or less to 100 or less.

Proposed law requires the administrator of the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund to coordinate and cooperate with the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board to improve case management data-related systems.

Proposed law authorizes the administrator to also coordinate and cooperate with the legislative auditor or otherwise contract to investigate compliance with the obligations to remit costs required by present law.

Proposed law prohibits the trial court from waiving, setting aside, or redirecting special costs provided in present law for any other purpose.

Proposed law permits modification of the amounts authorized in present law to account for inflation by considering the changes in the Consumer Price Index. Further provides for modifications in increments of 50¢ and prohibits the total adjustment amount from exceeding \$4.

Proposed law requires any modification pursuant to proposed law to be implemented by the supreme court only after approval following a favorable recommendation by the Judicial Council that the amount meets all of the council's applicable guidelines.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 887(F)(1))