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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1150

**Abstract:** Provides that a party or his counsel of record who files any paper with the court by facsimile transmission shall not be required to file the original signed document if he appears in court or if he has sufficient funds deposited with the clerk of court to pay the filing fees.

Present law provides that any paper in a civil action may be filed with the court by facsimile transmission, and that such filing shall be deemed complete at the time that the facsimile transmission is received and a receipt of transmission has been transmitted to the sender by the clerk of court.

Present law requires the party filing the document to forward, within five days, the following to the clerk: (1) the original signed document; (2) the applicable filing fee, if any; and (3) a transmission fee of \$5.

Present law provides that if the party fails to comply with the requirements of present law, the facsimile filing shall have no force or effect.

Proposed law provides that a party or his counsel of record who files any paper with the court by facsimile transmission shall not be required to file the original signed document if he appears in court or if he has sufficient funds deposited in the account with the clerk of court to pay the filing fees.

(Adds R.S. 13:850(E))