

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1994

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Judiciary, March 30, 2007

Title: An act relating to overpayments received by courts.

Brief Description: Addressing overpayments received by courts.

Sponsors: Representatives Curtis, Ericks, Roberts and Quall.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/10/07, 94-1.

Committee Activity: Judiciary: 3/30/07 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; McCaslin, Ranking Minority Member; Carrell, Hargrove, Murray, Roach and Weinstein.

Staff: Juliana Roe (786-7405)

Background: Under current law, intangible property that remains unclaimed for more than two years is presumed abandoned. This includes overpayment to the courts. Proponents of the bill contend that it is not cost efficient to give notice and reissue checks to those who have overpaid by \$10 or less.

Summary of Bill: Courts are allowed to retain overpayments of \$10 or less made in connection with any litigation, including traffic, criminal, or noncriminal matters. The overpayments must be deposited in the local current expense fund.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.

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