

HCS SB 474 -- CIVIL COURT CHARGES

SPONSOR: Bartle (Byrd)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 17 to 0.

This substitute deletes the requirement that any changes in court surcharges become effective on certain dates after notification of the Office of State Courts Administrator.

The substitute also allows moneys collected in Butler and Ripley counties pursuant to Section 488.426, RSMo, (allowing a \$15 surcharge on civil case filings) to also be used for courtroom renovation and technology enhancement.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow court administration to operate more efficiently and will allow the thirty-sixth judicial circuit to use surplus funds to modernize their courtrooms.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Bartle.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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