

HB 1571 -- Court-Appointed Special Advocate Programs

Sponsor: Dixon

This bill increases the surcharge levied for domestic relations petitions filed in a circuit or associate circuit court from \$2 to \$5. The surcharge will be used to fund recognized court-appointed special advocate programs and new start-up programs. An individual county can, by a majority vote, authorize an additional surcharge on domestic relations petitions not exceeding \$5 per petition. The surcharge will not be charged when costs are waived or are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality.