

HB 124 -- LAW LIBRARY SURCHARGE

SPONSOR: DeGroot

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2.

Currently, the circuit court in any circuit may collect a fee in civil cases not to exceed \$15, and that fee shall go toward maintenance and upkeep of the law library in the designated county. Jackson County and any circuit that reimburses the state for salaries of family court commissioners are allowed to charge a fee not to exceed \$20. The bill adds the circuit court in the city of St. Louis to the circuits that may charge a fee not to exceed \$20.

This bill is the same as HB 1891 (2018)

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help maintain the law library and increase the retention rate of good employees by increasing their pay.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Degroot and Gail Wechsler, JD, MLS, Law Library Association of St. Louis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.