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May 1, 2013

The Honorable Don Gaetz President of the Senate

The Honorable Will Weatherford Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 1512, same being:

An act relating to clerks of court.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

- 1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 022347.
- 2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 1512, relating to clerks of court, provides for the following:

- Increases revenues to allow the clerks to be fully funded and out of the GAA. Similar to status prior to 2009.
- Requires the clerks to submit their proposed budgets to the Clerk of Court Operations Corporation by June 1 beginning in 2014.
- Requires the Corporation to review, certify, and approve the clerks' budgets and requires the Corporation to submit the budgets to the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) by August 1 beginning in 2014.
- Authorizes the LBC to review, approve, disapprove or amend and approve the clerks of court budgets by October 1 of each year beginning in 2014.
- Defines workload measures and workload performance standards.
- Requires the Corporation to contract with DFS for audits of court-related budgets of individual clerks.
- Requires the Corporation to base its revenue estimates on the official Revenue Estimating Conference estimate.
- Provides a specific amount of collected revenues for the clerks to spend for the period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.