

## Committee on Judiciary

### **CS/CS/HB 1077 — Clerks of Court**

by Appropriations Committee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; and Rep. Botana and others (CS/CS/CS/SB 1470 by Appropriations Committee; Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Judiciary Committee; and Senators Hutson, Rouson, Martin, and Hooper)

The clerks of court are funded by allowing them to retain a portion of the costs and fees they collect. The bill increases revenues for clerks of the court, primarily through the redistribution of specified service charges and fees. Clerks of court are also allowed to use funds from court-related charges for improvements to court technology and may deposit operating funds into interest bearing accounts for that purpose.

Other provisions of the bill:

- Authorize the establishment of the Miami-Dade County Clerk of Court Driver License Reinstatement Pilot Program.
- Eliminate state attorney and public defender reporting requirements regarding affirmative action programs.
- Make several technical changes to court-related fiscal statutes.

The bill redirects an estimated \$28,938,779 million in revenues from the General Revenue Fund to the Clerks' Fine and Forfeiture Fund and Public Records Modernization Trust Fund starting in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Miami-Dade pilot program is estimated to reduce revenues accruing to the General Revenue Fund by a total of \$1.6 million in Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. No service charges or fees are increased by the bill, and thus the bill has no fiscal impact on the private sector.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 111-0*