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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS  
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1853 (PCB CJA 02-12)

**RELATING TO:** County Article V Trust Fund

**SPONSOR(S):** Committee on Criminal Justice Appropriations and Representative Ball

**TIED BILL(S):**

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the County Article V Trust Fund, FLAIR number 222055, without modification. The County Article V Trust Fund is administered by the Supreme Court.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 34.201, F.S., creates the trust fund.

Section 25.402, F.S., provides for an allocation and disbursement plan for the operation of the trust fund and the expenditure of moneys deposited in the trust fund.

Section 318.21, F.S., provides for revenues from civil penalties imposed by county courts.

House Bill 65C expanded the County Article V Trust Fund by allowing the appropriation of funds for the operation of trial courts.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The current use of the revenues from the Article V Trust Fund are to fund operations of the state trial courts, the state attorneys, the public defenders and current improvements to small county courthouses.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$33,083,775.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for the County Article V Trust Fund is civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to section 318.21(1)(a), F.S. Total receipts from these fees in the

2000-2001 fiscal year were \$19,199,068. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year are \$28,109,930.

**B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:**

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

**III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

**IV. COMMENTS:**

None.

**V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:**

N/A

**VI. SIGNATURES:**

**COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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