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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to electronic filing and receipt of court
 3 documents; creating ss. 27.341 and 27.5112, F.S.;
 4 providing legislative intent; requiring that each state
 5 attorney and public defender implement a system by which
 6 the state attorney and public defender can electronically
 7 file court documents with the clerk of the court and
 8 receive court documents from the clerk of the court;
 9 defining the term "court documents"; requiring that the
 10 Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association and the Florida
 11 Public Defender Association report to the President of the
 12 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
 13 a specified date on the progress made in implementing the
 14 electronic filing and receipt system; providing an
 15 effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19 Section 1. Section 27.341, Florida Statutes, is created to
 20 read:

21 27.341 Electronic filing and receipt of court documents.-
 22 (1)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that each
 23 office of the state attorney design and implement a system by
 24 which the state attorney electronically files court documents
 25 with the clerk of the court and receives court documents from
 26 the clerk of the court. It is the expectation of the Legislature
 27 that the electronic filing and receipt of court documents will
 28 reduce costs for the office of the state attorney, the clerk of

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29 circuit court, and the judiciary; will increase timeliness in
30 the processing of cases; and will provide the judiciary and the
31 clerk of the court with case-related information to allow for
32 improved judicial case management.

33 (b) As used in this section, the term "court documents"
34 includes, but is not limited to, pleadings, motions, briefs, and
35 their respective attachments, orders, judgments, opinions,
36 decrees, and transcripts.

37 (2) The Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association shall
38 file a report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker
39 of the House of Representatives by March 1, 2012, describing the
40 progress that each office of the state attorney has made to
41 implement an electronic filing and receipt system. For any
42 office of the state attorney that has not fully implemented an
43 electronic filing and receipt system by March 1, 2012, the
44 report must also include a description of the additional
45 activities that are needed to complete the system for that
46 office and the projected time necessary to complete the
47 additional activities.

48 Section 2. Section 27.5112, Florida Statutes, is created
49 to read:

50 27.5112 Electronic filing and receipt of court documents.—

51 (1) (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that each
52 office of the public defender design and implement a system by
53 which the public defender electronically files court documents
54 with the clerk of the court and receives court documents from
55 the clerk of the court. It is the expectation of the Legislature
56 that the electronic filing and receipt of court documents will

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57 reduce costs for the office of the public defender, the clerk of
58 circuit court, and the judiciary; will increase timeliness in
59 the processing of cases; and will provide the judiciary and the
60 clerk of the court with case-related information to allow for
61 improved judicial case management.

62 (b) As used in this section, the term "court documents"
63 includes, but is not limited to, pleadings, motions, briefs, and
64 their respective attachments, orders, judgments, opinions,
65 decrees, and transcripts.

66 (2) The Florida Public Defender Association shall file a
67 report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
68 House of Representatives by March 1, 2012, describing the
69 progress that each office of the public defender has made to
70 implement an electronic filing and receipt system. For any
71 office of the public defender that has not fully implemented an
72 electronic filing and receipt system by March 1, 2012, the
73 report must also include a description of the additional
74 activities that are needed to complete the system for that
75 office and the projected time necessary to complete the
76 additional activities.

77 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.