

H.729 - Senate Judiciary proposed fee changes - preliminary analysis

Joint Fiscal Office

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32 V.S.A. §1591 service of civil process fees - \$50 per service

Sheriffs retain 85% of the fee proceeds. The remaining 15% goes to the State

State revenues from these fees are deposited in the General Fund

Proposal is to increase these fees from current rate of \$50 to a new rate of \$65 or \$75

There are additional fees within 32 V.S.A. §1591 that would not change. Per sheriffs, these other fees are typically not collected

| annual revenues | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 - <i>estimated totals</i> | | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | final | final | as of 3/25/22 | \$50 current | \$65 | \$75 |
| state - 15% | 111,298 | 56,175 | 59,662 | 75,000 | 97,500 | 112,500 |
| sheriffs - 85% | 630,689 | 318,325 | 338,085 | 425,000 | 552,500 | 637,500 |
| Total | 741,987 | 374,500 | 397,747 | 500,000 | 650,000 | 750,000 |

20 V.S.A. §2062 fingerprint fees - \$25 per service

Fee is collected by state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies

State revenues from these fees are deposited in the Fingerprint Fee Special Fund to support VT Crime Information Center

Proposal is to increase fee from current rate of \$25 to a new rate of \$35

County and local revenues from fingerprinting are unknown at this time

| annual revenues | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 - <i>estimated totals</i> | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| | final | final | as of 3/25/22 | \$25 current | \$35 |
| state | 173,203 | 140,144 | 169,056 | 175,000 | 245,000 |
| local/county | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - |