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Senate Bill 559 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Walter H. North  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow the issuance of an appearance ticket for an offense whose maximum penalty was up to 93 days.

“Appearance ticket” means a complaint or written notice issued and subscribed by a police officer or other public servant authorized by law or ordinance to issue it, directing a designated person to appear in a designated local criminal court at a designated future time in connection with his or her alleged commission of a designated violation of a State law or local ordinance for which, except as otherwise provided in the Code, the maximum permissible penalty does not exceed 90 days in jail and a fine of \$500. The bill would revise the definition to refer, instead, to a violation of State law or local ordinance for which the maximum permissible penalty did not exceed 93 days in jail and/or a fine.

The bill also would prohibit the issuance of an appearance ticket to a person who was subject to a mandatory period of confinement, condition of bond, or other condition of release until he or she served that period of confinement or met the requirement of bond or other condition of release.

The bill would take effect October 1, 1999. It is tie-barred to Senate Bills 556, 557, 558, and 560, and to House Bills 4580 through 4584.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on State and local law enforcement agencies.

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