

Fiscal Analysis

ALLOWABLE COSTS IN EVICTION PROCEEDINGS



Bill/Sponsor HOUSE BILL 4871 as introduced, Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick

House Committee Judiciary

Analysis **Summary**

The bill would amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Judicature Act to increase certain maximum amounts that the court can order the losing party to pay the prevailing party in an eviction proceeding. These amounts, called taxable costs, would be increased as follows:

Proceeding	Current Maximum	Proposed Maximum
Motion resulting in dismissal or judgment	\$20	no change
Judgment taken by default	\$15	\$75
Trial of a claim for possession only	\$20	no change
Trial of a claim for a money judgment only*	\$20	no change
Trial w/ claims for possession & money judgment	\$30	\$150

* Current law refers to "damages" rather than "money judgment."

Fiscal Impact

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the state and local units of government. Any impact would depend on the extent to which the state or local units were involved as parties in the affected actions.

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