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House Bill 5221 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Dave Hildenbrand
House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to allow a person to file up to 10 small claims court claims, rather than up to five, in one judicial district in one week on behalf of a county, city, or village.

The Act specifies that, within a district court district, a person may not file more than five claims in the small claims division in one week. Under the bill, that limit would continue to apply except that a person could not file more than 10 claims in one week on behalf of a county, city, or village.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on State and local government. Though there are no data to indicate how many small claims are filed by counties, cities, and villages, it is unlikely that there would be a significant-enough increase to warrant additional resources. To the extent that the bill would allow local units to improve collections, there could be a modest increase in State and local revenue.

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