

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1578
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Impact:	AOC: Budget Neutral DOC: Minimal

Research Analysis

HB 1578 as introduced, modifies the punishment for notary publics who fail to make in good faith determinations of identification by raising the classification from a misdemeanor to a felony, the maximum fine from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and maximum imprisonment from 10 to 30 days.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB1578 accelerates the penalties for certain acts committed by notaries public. The fine is increased from a range of \$0-\$1000 to a range of \$0-\$5000, and the length of imprisonment is increased from a range 0-10 days to a range of 0-30 days. Any resulting change to the revenues collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or change in the costs incurred by the Department of Corrections (DOC) are expected to be immaterial and/or absorbed by the agencies. Therefore, this measure in its current form is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.