



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Session 2019

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Administration of Justice Changes.
Bill Number: House Bill 470 (Third Edition)
Sponsor(s): Representative Stevens

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 470, V.3 (\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	750.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0
<u>Less Expenditures</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
General Fund Impact	750.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0
NET STATE IMPACT	\$750.0	\$1,500.0	\$1,500.0	\$1,500.0	\$1,500.0

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

This bill makes various changes to the operations of the judicial branch. Fiscal Research anticipates that the changes in Sections 11 and 12 would generate approximately \$725,000 in FY 2019-20, and \$1.5 million in FY 2020-21.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Sections 1 - 10

Fiscal Research does not anticipate any fiscal impact to the State from these changes.

Sections 11-18

Sections 11 and 12 would increase multiple fees related to estates, foreclosures, and marriage. Section 11 amends G.S. 7A-307 by adding a new \$20 filing fee to be assessed upon an application to the clerk of superior court for payments received on behalf of a decedent. Section 11.(b) amends G.S. 7A-309 to increase from \$20 to \$50 the fee collected by magistrates for performing a marriage ceremony, and from \$8 to \$20 the fee collected by a magistrate related to the magistrate's hearing petition for year's allowance to a surviving spouse or child. Section 12 amends G.S. 7A to establish a \$300 fee for in rem foreclosures under certain conditions.

The fee increases are effective at various points during FY 2019-20, so a full year of revenue will not be realized until the second year of the biennium. Combined, the changes are anticipated to generate approximately \$725,000 in FY 2019-20, and \$1.5 million in FY 2020-21.

Section 19-32

Fiscal Research does not anticipate any fiscal impact to the State from these changes.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

This document is an official fiscal analysis prepared pursuant to Chapter 120 of the General Statutes and rules adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives. The estimates in this analysis are based on the data, assumptions, and methodology described in the Fiscal Analysis section of this document. This document only addresses sections of the bill that have projected direct fiscal impacts on State or local governments and does not address sections that have no projected fiscal impacts.

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