

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2393

As Recommended by House Committee on
General Government Budget

Brief*

HB 2393 would extend the Judicial Branch surcharge on various docket fees for five years, through June 30, 2030. [Note: 2019 SB 20 extended the sunset date to June 30, 2025. Pursuant to 2022 HB 2541, the surcharge on docket fees received are deposited into the State General Fund.] The bill would also make technical changes by removing outdated statutory references and effective dates.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Waymaster.

House Committee on General Government Budget

In the House Committee hearing on March 3, 2025, no testimony was provided. Representatives of the Judicial Branch responded to questions. In response to questions, the representatives clarified that although several statutes within the bill authorize the Supreme Court to impose a surcharge on docket fees for the purposes of funding the costs of non-judicial personnel, current law promulgates that the surcharges received be deposited into the State General Fund (SGF).

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch because the fees authorized in the bill would be remitted to the SGF. [Note: In FY 2024, district court surcharge revenue totaled \$7.3 million, and municipal court surcharge revenue totaled \$262,093.]

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Judicial Branch; court fines and fees; docket fees