

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3181 - SB 3709

February 16, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a court from appointing a guardian ad litem in divorce cases who is a party's employee or representative or has some other type of conflict of interest. Requires a party receive notification of the identity of the guardian ad litem five days prior to the appointment. Authorizes a party to file a motion requesting the disqualification of the appointed guardian ad litem.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, currently these motions are likely filed after the appointment of a guardian ad litem where a conflict of interest exists.
- A small increase in caseloads in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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