

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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H. 3883 Introduced on February 7, 2023 **Bill Number:**

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Subject: Alternate Juror Retention

House Judiciary Requestor:

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Impact Date: April 18, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows for an alternate juror serving in the stead of a regular juror to be kept in confinement with other regular jurors during the jury's deliberations. This bill also gives the court the discretion to discharge an alternate juror upon the final submission of the case to the jury. The bill requires Judicial to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. As a result, this bill does not have an expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 7, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill allows for an alternate juror serving in the stead of a regular juror to also be kept in confinement with other regular jurors during the jury's deliberations. This bill also gives the court the discretion to discharge an alternate juror upon the final submission of the case to the jury. Currently, the court may require an alternate juror to serve in the stead of a regular juror who has been discharged due to death, illness, or disability during the remainder of proceedings before the final submission of the case to the jury, and the alternate juror is discharged at the final submission of the case. This bill extends the period in which an alternate juror may be called upon to serve and gives the court the discretion to hold an alternate juror through the deliberations.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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