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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 3335	Introduced on January 14, 2025
Subject:	Designation of Representation in Magistrates Court	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Welsh	
Impact Date:	April 17, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

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Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) contacted all counties and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) to determine the local expenditure impact of this bill. We received responses from Florence County and MASC. Florence does not anticipate any expenditure impact from this bill. Additionally, MASC anticipates this bill will have no impact on municipalities.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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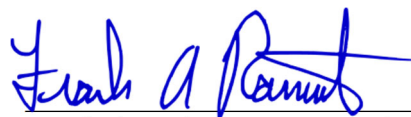
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