



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0096 Introduced on January 14, 2025
Subject: Clerk of Court Requirements
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: March 20, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes criteria to serve or continue to serve as the county clerk of court for the court of common pleas.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) surveyed counties and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) to determine the local fiscal impact that may result from passage of the bill. RFA received a response from MASC, Florence County, and Horry County. No responded county indicated there will be a fiscal or operational impact due to this bill. However, this bill may disqualify current county clerks of court, if they do not meet the criteria required by this bill. Additionally, MASC noted this bill will have no expenditure impact for municipalities as it does not fiscally or operationally impact municipalities.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 14, 2025

State Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill establishes criteria to serve or continue to serve as the county clerk of court for the court of common pleas. These criteria include being a U.S. and South Carolina citizen, being a qualified elector of the applicable county, and either possessing a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or having four years' experience in the legal, criminal justice, or business field.

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Local Revenue

N/A

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