**Fiscal Note** State of Alaska Bill Version: SB 116 2014 Legislative Session Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date: Identifier: SB116- ACS-TRC-03-06-14 Department: Alaska Court System Title: SERVICE OF CITATIONS Appropriation: Alaska Court System **EGAN Trial Courts** Sponsor: Allocation: Requester: Senate State Affairs OMB Component Number: 768 **Expenditures/Revenues** Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars) Included in FY2015 Governor's FY2015 Appropriation **Out-Year Cost Estimates** Requested Request **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** FY 2015 FY 2015 FY 2016 **FY 2017** FY 2018 FY 2019 FY 2020 Personal Services Travel Services Commodities Capital Outlay **Grants & Benefits** Miscellaneous **Total Operating** 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 **Fund Source (Operating Only)** None **Total** 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 **Positions** Full-time Part-time Temporary Change in Revenues Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: (separate supplemental appropriation required) (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section) Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: (separate capital appropriation required) (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section) **ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS** Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? Why this fiscal note differs from previous version: Initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## **Analysis**

Senate Bill 116 would allow certain citations to be served by a method other than personal service. Specifically, except for an offense under AS 04.16.050 (concerning minors consuming or possessing or in control of alcoholic beverages), and except for offenses involving a moving motor vehicle, a peace officer would be authorized to serve a citation by leaving it on the vehicle or other personal or real property that is the subject of the citation or violation, or by using a manner permitted for service of process under Civil Rule 4. This would include mailing the citation by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, with restricted delivery only to the party to whom the citation is issued. Civil Rule 4(h).

The Alaska Court System anticipates that the main effect of SB 116 would be to permit parking citations (tickets) to be processed by the court system in the same manner that other citations, which must be personally served, are processed by the courts. That is, defendants who receive a parking ticket left on their vehicle, rather than given to them personally, would be able to contest that ticket in court in those municipalities that do not process parking tickets administratively as civil offenses. SB 116 would therefore have the effect of expanding the number of citations that would be processed by the court system. This would include expanding data entry tasks, handling an increased number of court hearings for contested cases, expanding accounting functions relating to transmitting collected citation fees to the state and to municipalities, and increasing the number of documents and other information transmitted to the Department of Law's Collections Unit and to municipalities in cases of default judgments for unpaid citations.

Nonetheless, the Court System anticipates that it can implement the changes, and handle the increased number of citations that would be authorized under SB 116, without a fiscal impact. The Court System therefore submits a zero fiscal note.

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