

SB

106

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/26/97

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/27/97
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3/7/97

Judiciary Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 106

"An Act relating to the bond required of a notary public."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to the _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR# _____

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CHAIR:		CHAIR:			

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 106

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Alaska Court System
 Title: Notary Public Bond BRU: Trial Courts
 Component: _____
 Sponsor: Judiciary by request
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 768

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						

Fund Source (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 97) cost: None

Positions

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT SB 106

The Alaska Court System asks that the legislature consider SB 106 as a means of benefiting those members of the public that submit applications to be notaries. Although this bill will provide a small time savings to the court system, it's primary purpose is to save notary applicants an extra and unnecessary step and to remove 1 to 2 weeks from the appointment process.

Currently, by statute, the Lieutenant Governor is charged with accepting applications from and appointing notaries. However, a law enacted shortly after statehood requires that the clerk of the superior court approve the \$1,000 bond that must be included with the application. This means that rather than send their applications to the Lieutenant Governor, applicants must first take or mail their applications to the superior court. The court clerk merely looks at the bond to make sure that it is filled out properly and signed. There is no analysis done and no verification that the information is accurate. This function is not something that the clerk is uniquely qualified to do or has any particular expertise in.

This bill allows notary applications and bonds to be sent directly to the Lieutenant Governor, thus removing one layer of bureaucracy and a week or two of time from the notary appointment process.