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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 576, L.D. 781, Bill, "An Act Protecting a Citizen's Right of Petition under the Constitution"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$556." in the 5th indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to avoid increases in the backlog of cases as a result of the implementation of this expedited process. The amounts can not be determined at this time.

The Department of the Attorney General will incur additional costs to provide legal services in certain circumstances. Because this intervention by the Attorney General is discretionary, these costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment gives the court discretion over whether to award attorneys fees when a special motion to dismiss is granted.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT