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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 309**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 309 would amend the statute governing disposition of docket fees. Specifically, the bill would extend from June 30, 2019, until June 30, 2021, the period during which the State Treasurer shall deposit and credit the first \$3.1 million to the Electronic Filing and Management Fund (Fund). Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the bill would increase from \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million the amount the State Treasurer would be directed to deposit and credit to the Fund in subsequent years.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Judicial Branch. In the Senate Committee hearing on the bill, a representative of the Judicial Branch appeared in support of the bill and explained the bill would extend the deposit of the first \$3.1 million of docket fee revenue into the Fund by two years before that amount is reduced to \$1.5 million to cover the cost of maintenance. The representative stated the extension is needed because of ongoing development and implementation of the eCourt project. Additionally, current estimates indicate the annual cost of maintenance will be \$1.5 million, rather than \$1.0 million. No other testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA)

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

indicates there would be no net change in expenditures to the Judicial Branch budget, as the bill would increase expenditures from the Fund and decrease expenditures from the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund. OJA also indicates there would be no net revenue change to the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.