LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6541 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 10, 2024

BILL NUMBER: SB 142 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Eviction Issues.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Brown L

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: This bill provides that the court shall order an expungement in a qualifying eviction case automatically. (Under current law, the tenant is required to request the expungement.) It permits an expungement in an eviction case if: (1) a money judgment related to the eviction action is entered by the court against the tenant and the tenant has satisfied the money judgment; or (2) a judgment is entered by the court against the tenant and at least seven years have elapsed since the entry of the judgment.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill's requirements will result in an increase in the administrative workload for local courts since it requires the court to issue an order to expunge any records in a qualifying eviction case, rather than having the tenant petition to the have the records expunged. Furthermore, it expands the number of eviction case scenarios that would be subject to an automatic expungement from the court. The increase in administrative workload will vary from jurisdiction and will be contingent on the number of qualifying eviction cases filed in a particular court.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, city and town courts.

Information Sources:

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