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CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL COSTS: INCREASE

House Bill 5044

Sponsor: Rep. Kirk Profit

Committee: Judiciary

Complete to 3-20-98

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5044 AS INTRODUCED 7-15-97

Currently, the Revised Judicature Act, in civil actions or special proceedings in the circuit court, sets the following amounts to be allowed as costs in addition to other costs unless the court otherwise directs: \$20 for the proceedings before trial or for motions that result in dismissal or judgment; \$30 for the trial of the action or proceeding; and \$15 in all actions where judgment is taken by default or upon *cognovit* (that is, the defendant's confession). The bill would increase allowable costs (a) for the trial of the action or proceeding to \$200 or an amount (up to \$500) equal to 25 percent of any damages awarded, whichever were greater, and (b) in actions in which a default or *cognovit* judgment was entered to \$100 or an amount (up to \$250) of any damages awarded, whichever were greater.

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