

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Municipal courts holding refusal hearings		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Presently, if a person is cited for a first offense OWI municipal court violation and refuses to submit to a BAC test, the OWI charge is held in the municipal court while the refusal hearing must be held in the circuit court of the county in which the violation occurred. This bill would allow the municipal court to handle both proceedings.

It is not known how many such refusal hearings are actually held in circuit court but it is expected that the decrease in workload would be minimal. No increase in municipal court workload is expected because both proceedings would more than likely be handled at the same time.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications