

HB 1609 -- ASSIGNMENTS BY A PRESIDING JUDGE (Diehl)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Judiciary

Currently, the presiding judge of the circuit court must certify a case for assignment when a party files a petition, counterclaim, cross claim, or third-party claim that independently exceeds the jurisdiction of cases triable under Chapter 517, RSMo, or when a consolidation of cases appear proper and the consolidation would result in a claim exceeding the jurisdictional limit of the division. This bill removes that requirement and allows the presiding judge to certify a case for assignment.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.