

SCS HB 1188 -- CRIMINAL CASE FEES

This bill clarifies that various costs assessed in criminal cases must also be assessed in those cases in which a defendant pleads guilty. Many existing statutes use the term "convicted," creating an ambiguity as to whether costs are to be assessed in cases where the court grants a suspended imposition of sentence and the defendant's record is expunged upon the successful completion of a probationary period.

The list of misdemeanor offenses for which a \$10 fee is assessed for the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund is amended to include all misdemeanors, except for driving offenses, watercraft regulations, and fish and game offenses. Current law lists 14 chapters of law for which the fee is assessed.

An existing provision is repealed that requires court clerks to report delinquent payments to the Department of Revenue by October 1 of each year.