

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Judiciary

SB 396 — Nonresident Plaintiffs in Civil Actions

by Senator Bradley

The bill repeals a current requirement that a nonresident plaintiff in a civil action post a \$100 bond to secure the payment of court costs that may be adjudged against the plaintiff. The requirement applied to plaintiffs who were not residents of the state at the time of filing a lawsuit or who became nonresidents after filing a lawsuit. The repealed bond requirement dates back to 1828, when the state was still a territory.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 117-0