

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Brown offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause
and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Section 938.35, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

938.35 Collection of court-related financial obligations.--Any provision of law notwithstanding, a county may pursue the collection of any fines, court costs, or other costs imposed by the court, or refer any such collections which remain unpaid for 90 days or more, to a private attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar or collection agent who is registered and in good standing pursuant to chapter 559. In pursuing the collection of such unpaid financial obligations through a private attorney or collection agent, the governing body of the county must determine that such collection is cost-effective and the county must follow applicable procurement practices. The costs of collection, including a reasonable attorney's fee, may be

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1 recovered, except that such fees and costs of collection may
2 not exceed 40 percent of the total fines and costs owed.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.
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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 remove from the title of the bill: the entire title
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10 and insert in lieu thereof:

11 A bill to be entitled

12 An act relating to fines and court costs;
13 creating s. 938.35, F.S.; providing that a
14 county may assign the collection of fines,
15 court costs, and other costs imposed by the
16 court arising from offenses committed in the
17 county and remaining unpaid after a certain
18 period to a private attorney or collection
19 agency under specified circumstances; providing
20 guide lines and procedures; providing
21 attorney's fees to offset collection costs;
22 providing a limitation; providing an effective
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