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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Forensic Client Services Act; amending s. 916.106, F.S.; amending the definition of the term "court," as used in ch. 916, F.S., to include county courts; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 916.106, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

916.106 Definitions.--For the purposes of this chapter:

(2) "Court" means the county court or circuit court.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SENATE SUMMARY

Amends the definition of the term "court" to include county courts as well as circuit courts for purposes of ch. 916, F.S., relating to mentally deficient and mentally ill defendants, thereby allowing county judges as well as circuit judges to make forensic commitments of incompetent defendants.