

**Florida House of Representatives
Committee on Civil Justice & Claims
Summary Claim Bill Report**

Bill #: HB 939
Sponsor(s): Rep Melvin
Reference: Civil Justice and Claims
Companion Bill(s): SB 18 by Senator Clary

A. Basic Information

1. **Claimant:** Relief of Dale R. Cowie
2. **Respondent:** Department of Management Services
3. **Amount Requested:** \$15,401.77
4. **Type of Claim:** Equitable Claim
5. **Respondent's Posture:** Unknown
6. **Collateral Sources:** None
7. **Prior Legislative History:** None

- B. Procedural Summary:** This is an equitable claim brought by the former president of Fire Control, Inc., a subcontracting company that designed and installed fire sprinkler systems at Jackson Correctional Institution. The claimant seeks payment for additional expenses incurred during completion of installation. General Contractor failed to pay the subcontractor. There was a surety bond.

No judicial proceedings were instituted against the general contractor nor against the Dept. of Management Services, the contracting state agency. The statute of limitations for suits against the surety bond has expired.

- C. Facts of the Case:** As a subcontractor at Jackson Correctional Institution, claimant encountered the following three problems in installing the fire sprinkler system at Jackson Correctional and incurred the costs set forth as a result. First, in installing the sprinkler pipes inside the mechanical chases, there was a conflict with the plumbing pipes. The sprinkler pipes had to be re-routed to avoid the plumbing pipes at a total cost of \$13,659.29. The second problem was the installation of access panels, which claimant did not think the contract plans required, and which cost \$477.48. The third problem was the extension of sprinkler pipes when sprinkler head spray patterns conflicted with lighting fixtures, which cost \$1,265.00. The total additional costs were \$15,401.77. These costs are the basis of this claim bill.