

By Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to electronic filing of court
3 documents; creating ss. 27.341 and 27.5112, F.S.;
4 providing legislative intent; requiring that each
5 state attorney and public defender implement a system
6 by which the state attorney and public defender can
7 electronically file court documents with the clerk of
8 the court; requiring that the Florida Prosecuting
9 Attorneys Association and the Florida Public Defender
10 Association report to the President of the Senate and
11 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by a
12 specified date on the progress made in implementing
13 the electronic filing system; providing an effective
14 date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 27.341, Florida Statutes, is created to
19 read:

20 27.341 Electronic filing of court documents.—

21 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that each office of
22 the state attorney design and implement a system by which the
23 state attorney electronically files court documents with the
24 clerk of the court. It is the expectation of the Legislature
25 that such electronically filed court documents will reduce costs
26 for the office of the state attorney, the clerk of circuit
27 court, and the judiciary; will increase timeliness in the
28 processing of cases; and will provide the judiciary and the
29 clerk of the court with case-related information to allow for

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30 improved judicial case management.

31 (2) The Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association shall
32 file a report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker
33 of the House of Representatives by March 1, 2012, describing the
34 progress that each office of the state attorney has made to
35 implement an electronic filing system. For any office of the
36 state attorney that has not fully implemented an electronic
37 filing system by March 1, 2012, the report must also include a
38 description of the additional activities that are needed to
39 complete the system for that office and the projected time
40 necessary to complete the additional activities.

41 Section 2. Section 27.5112, Florida Statutes, is created to
42 read:

43 27.5112 Electronic filing of court documents.-

44 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that each office of
45 the public defender design and implement a system by which the
46 public defender electronically files court documents with the
47 clerk of the court. It is the expectation of the Legislature
48 that such electronically filed court documents will reduce costs
49 for the office of the public defender, the clerk of circuit
50 court, and the judiciary; will increase timeliness in the
51 processing of cases; and will provide the judiciary and the
52 clerk of the court with case-related information to allow for
53 improved judicial case management.

54 (2) The Florida Public Defender Association shall file a
55 report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
56 House of Representatives by March 1, 2012, describing the
57 progress that each office of the public defender has made to
58 implement an electronic filing system. For any office of the

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59 public defender that has not fully implemented an electronic
60 filing system by March 1, 2012, the report must also include a
61 description of the additional activities that are needed to
62 complete the system for that office and the projected time
63 necessary to complete the additional activities.

64 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.