COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 1559 (2025)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)
OTHER	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Sapp offered the following:

Amendment

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Remove lines 127-178 and insert:

6 new action in the courts of that circuit without first obtaining 7 leave of the court administrative judge of that circuit. 8 Disobedience of such an order may be punished as contempt of 9 court by the administrative judge of that circuit. Leave of 10 court shall be granted by the court administrative judge only 11 upon a showing that the proposed action is meritorious and is 12 not being filed for the purpose of delay or harassment. The 13 court administrative judge may condition the filing of the proposed action upon the furnishing of security as provided in 14 this section. 15

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(5) The clerk of the court may shall not file any new 16 17 action by a pro se vexatious litigant against whom a prefiling 18 order has been entered pro se unless the vexatious litigant has obtained an order from the court allowing administrative judge 19 20 permitting such filing. If the clerk of the court mistakenly 21 allows a pro se permits a vexatious litigant to file any new an action pro se in contravention of a prefiling order, any party 22 to that action may file with the clerk and serve on the 23 24 vexatious litigant plaintiff and all other parties defendants a 25 notice stating that the plaintiff is a prose vexatious litigant 26 is subject to a prefiling order. The filing of such a notice shall automatically stay the litigation against all parties 27 28 defendants to the action. The court administrative judge shall 29 automatically dismiss the action with prejudice within 10 days 30 after the filing of such notice unless the vexatious litigant plaintiff files a motion for leave to file the new action. If 31 32 the court administrative judge issues an order granting leave, 33 the pleadings or other responses permitting the action to be 34 filed, the defendants need not plead or otherwise respond to the 35 complaint need not be filed until 10 days after the date of 36 service by the vexatious litigant plaintiff, by United States 37 mail, of a copy of the order granting leave to file the action. (6) The clerk of a court must shall provide copies of all 38 39 prefiling orders to the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court, who 40 must shall maintain a registry of all vexatious litigants.

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41	(7) An automatic stay imposed under this section remains in
42	effect until the court:
43	(a) In its discretion, vacates the stay;
44	(b) Rules, as applicable, on the motion for an order to
45	post security under paragraph (3)(d) or the motion for leave
46	under subsection (5); or
47	(c) Dismisses the action under subsection (5).
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