

HB 113 — Judges

by Rep. Negron and others (SB 1698 By Senator Crist)

The bill creates 55 judicial offices to be filled by the 2006 election. Judicial candidates must qualify between noon, July 17, 2006 and noon, July 21, 2006. The judicial offices take effect on January 2, 2007. The bill creates thirty-five circuit court and twenty county court judicial offices.

The bill appropriates \$7,298,357 from the General Revenue Fund and 122 full-time positions to the circuit and county courts to support the new judges. The bill appropriates \$4,389,000 from the General Revenue Fund and 82.5 full-time positions to the state attorneys and public defenders for increased workload in circuits where new criminal courts are established.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2006.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 111-4

TRUST FUND BILLS

SB 2340 — Administrative Trust Fund / Department of Corrections

by Senator Crist

This bill creates the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections effective July 1, 2006. This fund is established as a depository for funds to be used for department-wide management activities. Funds that will be credited to the Administrative Trust Fund will consist of indirect cost reimbursements from grantors, administrative assessments against trust funds, interest earnings, and other appropriate administrative fees. The bill creates s. 20.3151, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2006.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 119-0

SB 2342 — Federal Grants Trust Fund / Department of Corrections

by Senator Crist

This bill creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections effective July 1, 2006. The fund is established as a depository for funds to be used for allowable grant activities. Funds that will be credited to the Federal Grants Trust Fund will consist of grants and funding from the Federal Government, interest earnings, and cash advances from other trust funds. The bill creates s. 945.21503, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2006.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0

SB 2344 — Administrative Trust Fund / Department of Law Enforcement

by Senator Crist

This bill creates the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement effective July 1, 2006. The fund is established as a depository for funds to be used for department-wide management activities. Funds that will be credited to the Administrative Trust Fund will consist of indirect cost reimbursements from the federal government and possible future assessments against other funds. The bill creates s. 943.367, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2006.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 120-0

SB 2346 — Federal Grants Trust Fund / Department of Law Enforcement

by Senator Crist

This bill creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement effective July 1, 2006. The fund is established as a depository for funds to be used for allowable grant activities. Funds that will be credited to the Federal Grants Trust Fund will consist of grants and funding from the federal government. The bill creates s. 943.366, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2006.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 119-0

CS/SB 2348 — Operating Trust Fund / State Courts System

by Justice Appropriations Committee and Senator Crist

This bill creates the Operating Trust Fund within the state courts system effective July 1, 2006. The fund is established as a depository for funds to be used for supporting the programs and other appropriate purposes of the judicial branch. Funds that will be credited to the Operating Trust Fund include cost recovery for state-funded services in the circuit courts, Supreme Court filing fees, and district court filing fees. This bill creates s. 25.3844, F.S. This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 25.241(5), 25.383, 29.0195, 35.22(6).

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2006.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 120-0

SB 2350 — Federal Grants Trust Fund / State Courts System

by Senator Crist

This bill creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the state courts system effective July 1, 2006. The fund is established as a depository for funds to be used for allowable grant activities. Funds that will be credited to the Federal Grants Trust Fund will consist of grants and funding from the federal government, interest earnings, and cash advances from other trust funds. The bill creates s. 25.3842, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2006.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 119-0

