CS/SB 2060 — Sovereign Immunity

by Judiciary Committee and Senator Bennett

The bill (Chapter 2010-26, L.O.F.) increases the current waiver-of-liability limits for the state and its agencies and subdivisions to \$200,000 per individual claim and \$300,000 per aggregate claim. The current liability limits are \$100,000 per individual claim and \$200,000 per aggregate claim.

In effect, the state and its agencies and subdivisions may pay up to \$200,000 for any claim or judgment by any one person, or portion thereof, which, when totaled with all other claims or judgments paid arising out of the same incident or occurrence, does not exceed the sum of \$300,000. Any portion of the judgment that exceeds these amounts may only be paid in part or in whole by further act of the Legislature.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect on October 1, 2011, and apply to claims arising on or after that date.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 110-4