



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4846  
**Author:** Sandifer  
**Subject:** Anderson and Oconee Counties' Master-in-Equity  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Wren  
**Impact Date:** April 1, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$191,000	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This resolution will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. Assuming that Oconee County currently has office space for a master-in equity court, we estimate the expenditure impact of this bill on Oconee County to be approximately \$191,000 annually.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This Concurrent Resolution urges the governing bodies of Anderson and Oconee counties to dissolve their thirty-two year old agreement to have one master-in-equity to serve both counties and to establish a master-in-equity court in each county pursuant to Section 14-11-10.

The Judicial Department reports that this resolution would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted Anderson and Oconee counties regarding the expenditure impact of this resolution. Oconee County indicates that the expenditure impact of this bill has not been determined. Based on data obtained from Anderson County, salaries for the master-in-equity and staff are approximately \$227,000, of which Oconee County currently reimburses Anderson County approximately \$36,000 annually. Assuming that Oconee County

currently has office space for a master-in equity court, we estimate the expenditure impact of this resolution on Oconee County to be approximately \$191,000 annually.

**Local Revenue**

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director