

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.143**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Malloy PRIMARY CODE CITE: 62-1-100
SUBJECT: SC Probate Code

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 143 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to define the jurisdiction of the Probate Code.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the State Budget Division contacted county governments concerning the impact of this legislation.

Lexington County estimated a fiscal impact to be over \$86,000 per year. Their estimate was based on funding two additional estate clerks due to the additional administrative case processing requirements and anticipated increase in probate court litigation.

Richland, Greenville and Cherokee County officials indicated the fiscal impact of this Bill would be minimal. The costs would be in the area of administrative forms and procedures, as well as, training.

** Several other Probate Judges are reviewing the Bill and those responses will be forwarded upon receipt.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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