

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 372

**SHORT TITLE:** Time Limits for Foreign Service

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Fountain Odom; Senator Tony Rand

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes ( )      No ( X )      No Estimate Available ( )

FY 1997-98   FY 1998-99   FY 1999-00   FY 2000-01   FY 2001-02

**REVENUES**

**EXPENDITURES**

**No additional fiscal impact**

**POSITIONS:**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &**

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Administrative Office of the Courts

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Applies to "...actions commenced on or after date act becomes law...."

**BILL SUMMARY: S 372. TIME LIMITS FOR FOREIGN SERVICE.** TO REMOVE, FOR SERVICE IN A CIVIL ACTION UPON A DEFENDANT LOCATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, THE TIME LIMITS REGARDING THE SECURING OF AN ENDORSEMENT UPON THE ORIGINAL SUMMONS OR THE SUING OUT OF AN ALIAS OR PLURIES SUMMONS WHEN THE DEFENDANT IS NOT SERVED WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED FOR SERVICE. As title indicates. Applies to actions commenced on or after date act becomes law.<sup>1</sup>

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The Research and Planning Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts reviewed the sections to be amended in this legislation and has concluded that while the number of cases affected cannot be estimated, relatively few are assumed to be affected in that few cases "...involve service of defendants in a foreign country...." No additional General Fund or Highway Fund fiscal impact would be expected, therefore, as a result of the passage of this legislation.

<sup>1</sup> Institute of Government, **Daily Bulletin**, 1997 Edition.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**  
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