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## FISCAL NOTE

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In compliant, with a written register received March 15 , 19 77 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 415 pursuant to Chapter 50. Laws of Montena, 1966 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.
Background information used in developing this Fiscar ficta is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members
of the Legislature upon request.
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to provide for \$7.50 in court costs in Justices' Courts for each preliminary hearing held and to provide that Justice's court costs in criminal actions shall be withheld regardless of the Court's finding or the sentence imposed.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Due to the fact that data concerning the number of justice court cases dismissed is not readily available, no estimate of the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation can be made; however, it appears that the proposed legislation authorizes withholdings equal to withholdings made prior to December 31, 1976.

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 3-25-77

Approved by Committee on Judiciary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 8, 1977

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AMENDS SENATE BILL 415 AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amend page 1, section 1, line 16.
Following: "from"
Insert: "accumulated"

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