

SENATE BILL NO. 145

Introduced: 01/14/83

Referred to Committee on Judiciary: 01/14/83

Hearing: 1/24/83

Report: 01/24/83, Do Pass

2nd Reading: 01/26/83

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Hearing: 3/8/83

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2 INTRODUCED BY *Turnage*
3 BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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6 37-61-205, MCA, ESTABLISHING THE EXAMINATION FEE FOR
7 APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF THE MONTANA SUPREME
8 COURT."
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INTRODUCED BILL

SB 145

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 124-83

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received January 17, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 145 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 145 establishes the examination fee for applicants for admission to the Bar of the State of Montana.

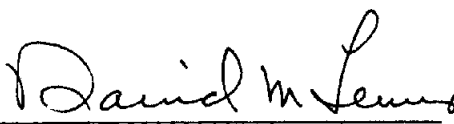
FISCAL IMPACT:

The Montana Supreme Court sets the fee for applicants to offset the increasing costs of administering the bar exam. If the fee were left at \$25 instead of \$400 as set by the Court, the State would loose \$37,500 in revenue for FY 84 and FY 85. This bill is in response to the Legislative Audit Committee's recommendation.

COMMENT:

There is an inconsistency between what state law establishes as the fee for the bar exam and what is being charged. Section 37-61-205, MCA, sets bar exam fees at \$25. The constitution grants the Supreme Court the authority to establish the bar exam fees. Supreme Court Order 80-120 filed February 11, 1981, raises the bar examination fee to \$125; subsequently, Court Order 80-120 filed April 19, 1982, raised the fee for the bar exam to \$400. The supreme court budget for boards and commission is predicated on the \$400 fee.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: 1-18-83

Approved by Committee
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