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**SB 67**

**Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Civil Commissions – Presentation and Reporting**

Good Afternoon Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of Judicial Proceedings;

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 67, Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Civil Commissions – Presentation and Reporting. SB 67 is a very short bill, it makes three changes to the process for oaths of office administered by the clerks on behalf of the Secretary of State, all of which seek to better reflect current practice.

The changes are:

- 1) Updates the requirement for the clerk to contact the appointee and replaces it with a requirement for the appointee to contact the clerk to schedule an appointment to take their oath. This has been the current practice for many years;
- 2) Deletes the requirement for a monthly report to the Secretary. Currently the Clerks send a notice every time an oath is administered; and
- 3) Deletes the requirement for the clerk to withhold the oath until the appointee has paid the tax on their commission. This has not been a requirement for many years.

Thank you for your attention. I respectfully request a favorable report on SB67.