
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6693 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED BY STATE RESIDENTS WHEN RESPONDING TO OUT-OF-STATE DISCOVERY REQUESTS.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires a party to an out-of-state probate proceeding or civil action to reimburse the reasonable costs of any non-party, Connecticut-based witness from whom he or she subpoenas deposition testimony. This includes the cost of appearing at the deposition, producing documents and tangible objects, electronic discovery, and attorneys' fees.

Under the bill, the Superior Court has the authority to order the subpoenaing party to reimburse a non-party, Connecticut-based witness for his or her reasonable costs. The bill allows a subpoenaing party to satisfy the reimbursement requirement by making an advance payment to a witness to cover his or her reasonable costs.

*House Amendment "A" (1) provides the Superior Court with the authority to order a subpoenaing party to reimburse witnesses and (2) allows a subpoenaing party to satisfy the reimbursement requirement by advancing payment to the witness.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 41 Nay 0 (04/19/2013)