



Judiciary Committee Public Hearing, April 1, 2015

STATE MARSHAL AFSCME LOCAL 2193:

Opposes **Section 6** of SB 1033

My name is Mark D'Angelis. I am the president of the State Marshal local of Council 4 AFSCME, a union of 32,000 public and private employees.

We oppose section 6 of Senate Bill 1033, An Act Court Operations. Currently, this is work done by state marshals. Section 6 says that a copy or electronic image of an original capias mittimus document can be served to someone in a courthouse by a judicial marshal. It is work that has been done on a long term basis by state marshals (previously known as sheriffs.)

State marshals do not just serve legal process, they also attest to the fact that the copy matches the original document. State Marshal's sign an attested affidavit to this.

Serving multiple copies of a legal document (a capias) is troubling. Having more than one copy of a capias circulating to be served can lead to problems for the state and public. If a copy is served in a courthouse, then it would be very easy for the first copy to be served again to an individual at his house or on the street. This could lead to a second arrest or a false arrest because the marshal serving the original capias may not know that a copy has already been served. Thus, we request that you remove section 6 from this bill. We have no problem with the rest of the bill.

One of our members, Marshal Lisa Stevenson, participated on the recent family support task force. State marshals are licensed, bonded agents of the state. We are trained professionals who constantly seek to improve our profession. We take our duties very seriously. Serving child support capias mittimus is one of our members' top priorities. We are happy to meet with any Judicial Department administrators, Department of Social Services administrators or legislators to explain our role in delivering capias mittimus. Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions.