

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB27

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 27 would allow trial courts if they determine that a defendant is indigent, to appoint the public defender or, in counties not having a public defender, an attorney licensed to practice law in this state to argue the appellate case against the prosecuting attorney. The court shall appoint another attorney if the public defender or the attorney has a conflict of interest. An attorney other than the public defender appointed under this section may be compensated as the trial court deems appropriate for all fees and expenses necessary to permit such an attorney to perform the appeal effectively.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator George Dungan