

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-400 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS.

Vote Date: 3/24/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/20/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The annual bill comes from the Probate Court requesting minor technical, conforming changes to the Probate Court statutes.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language makes technical changes in several sections.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Hon. Beverly K. Streit, Probate Court Administrator: Judge Streit testified in support because SB 400 makes technical and administrative changes to improve Probate Court operations. She states that the bill expands jurisdiction for children's name change petitions, clarifies procedures for appeals and confidentiality, centralizes administrative funds, and improves efficiency in court processes. She also notes that the bill addresses gaps in law, clarifies timelines for hearings and notice, and enhances training and oversight within the Probate Court system.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Trevor Ellis

Date: March 27, 2026