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SENATE DRS35059-LL-42 (1/25)

Short Title: Citations/Sheriffs Accept Faxes.

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Sponsors: Senator Cook (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CITATIONS REFER TO COSTS RATHER THAN COURT
3 COSTS AND TO DIRECT ALL SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS TO ACCEPT FACSIMILE
4 TRANSMISSIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS AND CIVIL
5 NO-CONTACT ORDERS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-302 reads as rewritten:

8 "(g) Preparation of Form. – The form and content of the citation is as prescribed by the
9 Administrative Officer of the Courts. The form of citation used for violation of the motor
10 vehicle laws must contain a notice that the driving privilege of the person cited may be revoked
11 for failure to appear as cited, and must be prepared as provided in G.S. 7A-148(b). All citations
12 shall refer to the costs and fees assessed under Article 28 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes
13 as "costs" rather than "court costs"."

14 **SECTION 2.** Article 3 of Chapter 162 of the General Statutes is amended by
15 adding a new section to read:

16 "**§ 162-16.1. Facsimile transmission of domestic violence protective orders and civil**
17 **no-contact orders.**

18 In the interests of public safety and the rights of victims, every sheriff's department in this
19 State shall accept facsimile transmissions of domestic violence protective orders and civil
20 no-contact orders for service on defendants."

21 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act is effective when it becomes law but does not
22 require the replacement of citation forms until the printing of new forms is otherwise necessary.
23 The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

