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8 recognizances which have not been paid, remitted, canceled, or  
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12 to the requirements of section 618.14 the names of the persons  
13 who have failed to pay, remit, cancel, or otherwise satisfy a  
14 fine, penalty, forfeiture, or recognizance for at least one  
15 calendar year.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill requires the clerk of the district court to  
18 publish in a newspaper the names of persons who are  
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21 list yearly, by August 15, pursuant to the requirements for  
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**HOUSE FILE 105  
FISCAL NOTE**

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A fiscal note for **House File 105** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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**ASSUMPTIONS**

1. Approximately 55 counties are currently automated, therefore, the total number of persons statewide who have delinquent fines cannot be determined.
2. Three of the automated counties who can identify delinquent fines over \$10 are Polk, Story, and Pottawattamie.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The statewide fiscal impact of House File 105 cannot be determined.

The fiscal impact for three automated counties is as follows:

1. Polk County has approximately 42,000 individuals who owe more than \$10 in delinquent fines. The Des Moines Register estimates the cost to print a list with names, addresses and the amount owed at approximately \$26,000 (printed in one day). If printed more than one day the cost would be approximately \$50,000.
2. Story County has approximately 6,100 individuals who owe more than \$10 in delinquent fines. The Ames Tribune estimates the publication cost at approximately \$4,000.
3. Pottawattamie County has approximately 12,800 individuals who owe more than \$10 in delinquent fines. The Non Pareil estimates the publication cost at approximately \$4,900.

**SOURCE**

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