

JUSTICE

Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Bond Requirement

Motion:

Move to delete the current law requirement that the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General furnish a bond to the state at the time each takes office. Reduce funding for the Department of Justice's administrative services general program operations appropriation by \$700 GPR in 2018-19 associated with the elimination of the bond requirement.

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Note:

Under s. 19.11 of the statutes, the Attorney General, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer must each furnish a bond to the state at the time each takes and subscribes the oath of office, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of that office, the officer's duties as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, and the investment of funds arising therefrom. Each bond is subject to approval by the Governor. The amount required of each bond is as follows: (a) for the Attorney General, \$10,000; (b) for the Secretary of State, \$25,000; and (c) for the Treasurer, \$100,000. Under s. 165.055 of the statutes, the Deputy Attorney General must give a bond to the state in the sum of \$5,000 to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the deputy attorney general's duties. Section 19.12 of the statutes permits the purchase of these bonds to be paid using funds appropriated for the expense of the Department. In December, 2015, DOJ purchased two \$10,000 bonds effective from January 5, 2015, through January 5, 2019, for \$710 from its administrative services general program operations appropriation. This motion would repeal the requirement that the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General furnish a bond to the state.

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