

Date of Hearing: August 5, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 1100 (Smallwood-Cuevas) – As Introduced February 13, 2026

Policy Committee:	Judiciary	Vote:	12 - 0
	Public Safety		9 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: No Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill changes the timeframe in which the clerk of the court must forward civil grand jury final reports and the responses to those reports to the State Archivist, from immediately upon receipt to once a year in a single consolidated transfer, made within six months of the end of the grand jury's term of service.

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Requires the clerk of the court to compile all final reports and responses generated during the grand jury's term of service and to transmit a complete set of true copies to the State Archivist, who retains all reports and responses in perpetuity.
- 2) Specifies that the compilation and transfer requirements do not require the clerk of the court to create new or consolidated documents.
- 3) Makes technical and conforming changes, including providing that a grand jury submits its final report during the fiscal or calendar term rather than the fiscal or calendar year.

FISCAL EFFECT:

- 1) Likely minor and absorbable workload impacts to the trial courts (Trial Court Trust Fund), as consolidating hundreds of piecemeal transmittals into a single annual transfer per grand jury term falls within baseline clerk operations and likely reduces net workload.
- 2) Minor and absorbable costs to the Secretary of State (General Fund). The State Archives currently receives more than 400 piecemeal deliveries annually from the 58 counties; a consolidated annual submission process will likely reduce administrative workload and support the Archives' transition to electronic records management.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

Current law requires clerks of court to immediately forward final civil grand jury reports to the State Archivist upon finalization. SB 1100 establishes a consolidated submission process for civil grand jury reports and responses, ensuring clearer compliance, reducing routine administrative inquiries, and allowing the State Archives to manage

records more efficiently. It strengthens government operations by doing more with existing resources—improving performance without expanding bureaucracy.

- 2) **Background.** Each county must impanel a civil grand jury at least once a year to investigate and report on the affairs of local government. Final reports and the responses of public agencies and officials are filed with the clerk of the court, and existing law requires the clerk to immediately forward a true copy of each report and response to the State Archivist for permanent retention. Because reports and responses arrive throughout the year, the immediacy requirement produces hundreds of separate deliveries to the State Archives annually. This bill, sponsored by the Secretary of State, who oversees the State Archives, replaces those piecemeal transmittals with one consolidated annual transfer per grand jury term. Public access is not delayed: reports and responses remain on file with the clerk of the court, and counties continue to post reports upon release.

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