

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25738

I.C. § 1-2303 currently requires defendants in small claims cases to file an answer within twenty (20) days of being served with a claim. In addition, the instructions served upon small claim defendants must notify them that judgment may be entered against them if they fail to file an answer within the twenty (20) days. In order to create consistency with the court's efforts to set filing and service requirements that are computed on seven (7) day increments, this amendment will change the twenty (20) day answer and notification references to twenty-one (21) days.

FISCAL NOTE

This proposed amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the General Fund, any other state fund or local governments. There is no fiscal impact because the amendment will not require the expenditure of any funds.

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