

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1426

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As of March 10, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to the use of certified mail.

**Brief Description:** Regarding the use of certified mail.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hunt and Condotta.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/23/09, 96-1.

**Committee Activity:** Judiciary:

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Staff:** Juliana Roe (786-7438)

**Background:** Notice is often provided by certified mail with return receipt requested. Many court documents are served on interested parties using certified mail with return receipt requested.

The U.S. Postal Service allows a mailer purchasing return receipt service to choose to receive the return receipt by mail or email. Mailers that receive the return receipt in the mail receive a green postcard with the recipient's actual signature or approved hand-stamp. Mailers that receive the return receipt via email receive a proof of delivery letter arriving as a PDF attachment that includes an image of the recipient's signature or an approved hand-stamp. The charge for receiving a return by mail is \$2.20 and by email is \$1.00.

**Summary of Bill:** The use of electronic return receipt delivery confirmation, provided by the U.S. Postal Service, whenever a statute allows the use of "certified mail with a return receipt requested" is allowed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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