



# SENATE BILL 560: Citizen's Warrants.

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the contents  
of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 560 would amend the law regarding arrest and Citizen's Warrants.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 560 would:

- Define warrants for arrest resulting from probable cause supplied by law enforcement.
- Define warrants for arrest resulting from probable cause of a private citizen.
- Provide a presumption that a summons is preferable over an arrest warrant where probable cause is provided solely by a private person.
- Describe the circumstances that require a magistrate to issue an arrest warrant rather than a summons, where probable cause is provided solely by a private person.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to warrants issued on or after that date.

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