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S.F. No. 4544 – In forma pauperis; clients of civil legal services and volunteer attorneys

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S.F. 4544 provides that an attorney representing a client on behalf of a civil legal services program or a volunteer attorney program may submit an affidavit and be allowed to proceed in forma pauperis without additional findings.

Under current law, the affidavit must state the nature of the action, a belief that the affiant is entitled to redress, and that the affiant is financially unable to pay the fees and costs associated with the action. Under current law, if a party proceeds in forma pauperis, the expenses are paid by the state.