

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: Perfected SB 589
Subject: Courts; Jackson County; Judges; Kansas City
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$522,023)	(\$961,044)	(\$1,117,228)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$522,023)	(\$961,044)	(\$1,117,228)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	(\$7,928,300)	(\$478,300)	(\$478,300)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

16th Judicial Circuit (§478.463)

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would add one additional circuit judge position in the 16th judicial circuit beginning August 28, 2006.

For each circuit court judge, the costs are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$108,000 per year, plus fringe benefits
 Court Reporter: \$49,860 per year, plus fringe benefits

CTS estimates the total cost of the proposal to be approximately \$219,147 in FY 07, \$267,584 in FY 08, and \$272,307 in FY 09.

Oversight has adjusted the courts fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the two FTE.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from **Jackson County** assume the addition of two new circuit judges in Independence would require a new facility. Jackson County estimates the cost of construction of the new facility to be approximately \$7,000,000. In addition, the cost for furniture and fixtures is estimated to be \$450,000. The county would also be responsible for funding certain staff: one FTE Bailiff/Law Clerk (at \$41,620 per year), one FTE Court Reporter (at \$51,900 per year), and one Judicial Administrative Assistant (at \$31,408 per year). In addition, officials estimate the cost of courthouse security personnel to be \$300,000 annually. Jackson County estimates the total cost of the proposal to be approximately \$7,917,800 in FY 07 and \$467,800 in subsequent years.

SA 1 – 31st Judicial Circuit (§478.513)

Oversight assumes the proposed legislation would add one additional circuit judge position in the 31st judicial circuit beginning January 1, 2007.

Based on information received from Office of State Courts Administrator, Oversight assumes for each circuit court judge, the costs are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$108,000 per year, plus fringe benefits
Court Reporter: \$49,860 per year, plus fringe benefits

The total cost of the proposal is estimated to be approximately \$219,147 in FY 07, \$267,584 in FY 08, and \$272,307 in FY 09. Oversight has adjusted the fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the two FTE.

SA 2 – 26th Judicial Circuit (§478.705)

Oversight assumes the proposed legislation would add one additional circuit judge position in the 26th judicial circuit beginning August 28, 2006.

Based on information received from Office of State Courts Administrator, Oversight assumes for each circuit court judge, the costs are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$108,000 per year, plus fringe benefits
Court Reporter: \$49,860 per year, plus fringe benefits

ASSUMPTION (continued)

The total cost of the proposal is estimated to be approximately \$219,147 in FY 07, \$267,584 in FY 08, and \$272,307 in FY 09. Oversight has adjusted the fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the two FTE.

SA 3 – 22nd Judicial Circuit (§478.387)

Oversight assumes the proposed legislation would reduce by one additional circuit judge position in the 26th judicial circuit beginning August 28, 2006.

Based on information received from Office of State Courts Administrator, Oversight assumes for each circuit court judge, the savings are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$108,000 per year, plus fringe benefits
Court Reporter: \$49,860 per year, plus fringe benefits

The total savings of the proposal is estimated to be approximately \$219,147 in FY 07, \$267,584 in FY 08, and \$272,307 in FY 09. Oversight has adjusted the fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the two FTE.

SA 4 – 32nd Judicial Circuit and 33rd Judicial Circuit (§478.710, Section 1)

Oversight assumes the proposed legislation would add one additional circuit judge position in the 32nd judicial circuit beginning January 1, 2007.

Based on information received from Office of State Courts Administrator, Oversight assumes for each circuit court judge, the costs are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$108,000 per year, plus fringe benefits
Court Reporter: \$49,860 per year, plus fringe benefits

The total cost of the proposal is estimated to be approximately \$219,147 in FY 07, \$267,584 in FY 08, and \$272,307 in FY 09. Oversight has adjusted the fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the two FTE.

The proposed legislation would also add one additional circuit judge position in the 33rd judicial circuit, to be elected in 2008.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Based on information received from Office of State Courts Administrator, Oversight assumes for each circuit court judge, the costs are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$108,000 per year, plus fringe benefits
 Court Reporter: \$49,860 per year, plus fringe benefits

The total cost of the proposal is estimated to be approximately \$219,147 in FY 07, \$267,584 in FY 08, and \$272,307 in FY 09. Oversight has adjusted the fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the two FTE.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)</u>			
Personal Service (6 FTE – FY 07, 8 FTE – FY 08 and FY 09)	(\$296,645)	(\$580,482)	(\$679,992)
Fringe Benefits	(\$185,478)	(\$356,062)	(\$409,236)
Equipment and Expense	<u>(\$39,900)</u>	<u>(\$24,500)</u>	<u>(\$28,000)</u>
<u>Total Costs – CTS</u>	<u>(\$522,023)</u>	<u>(\$961,044)</u>	<u>(\$1,117,228)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$522,023)</u>	<u>(\$961,044)</u>	<u>(\$1,117,228)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Costs – Jackson County</u>			
Personal Service and Fringe Benefits	(\$467,800)	(\$467,800)	(\$467,800)
Equipment and Expense	(\$460,500)	(\$10,500)	(\$10,500)
Facility Construction	<u>(\$7,000,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Total Costs – Jackson County</u>	<u>(\$7,928,300)</u>	<u>(\$478,300)</u>	<u>(\$478,300)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(\$7,928,300)</u>	<u>(\$478,300)</u>	<u>(\$478,300)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation adds one new circuit judge position to the sixteenth judicial circuit, to sit at the city of Independence. The proposal also moves the division thirteen circuit judge position from Kansas City to Independence. (§478.463)

The proposal would add one additional circuit judge to the thirty-first judicial circuit, beginning January 1, 2007. (SA 1 – §478.513)

The proposal would add one additional circuit judge to the twenty-sixth judicial circuit, beginning August 28, 2006. (SA 2 – §478.705)

The proposal would reduce the number of circuit judges in the twenty-second judicial circuit by one. (SA 3 – §478.387)

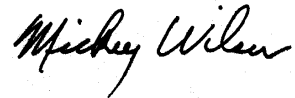
The proposal would add one additional circuit judge to the twenty-sixth judicial circuit, beginning January 1, 2007. The proposal would add one circuit judges in the thirty-third judicial circuit. (SA 4 – §478.710, Section 1)

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Jackson County

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