

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0546-01
Bill No.: SB 23
Subject: Courts; Judges
Type: Original
Date: January 31, 2007

Bill Summary: The proposal adds one additional circuit judge to the thirty-first judicial circuit.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
General Revenue	(\$146,532)	(\$294,444)	(\$300,672)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$146,532)	(\$294,444)	(\$300,672)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
General Revenue	2	2	2
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	2	2	2

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume for each circuit court judge, the costs are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$113,568 per year, plus fringe benefits
Court Reporter: \$51,854 per year, plus fringe benefits

The total annual cost for these new positions would be \$165,422 plus fringe benefits, and 2 FTE. The judge salary reflects implementation of the recommendations from the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials.

There is no appropriation in the judiciary's budget to fund the new position. Should this legislation pass, CTS would have to request a supplemental appropriation for FY 08 in the amount of \$140,699.

Oversight has adjusted the Office of State Courts Administrator's fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the Circuit Court Judge and Court Reporter.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this proposal for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes this is a small amount and does not expect additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the SOS can sustain with their core budget. Any additional required funding would be handled through the budget process.

Oversight assumes Greene County may experience increased costs with an increase in the number of circuit court judges. Oversight has reflected this increase as Unknown.

Officials from Greene County did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (6 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Office of State Courts</u>			
Administrator (CTS)			
Personal Service	(\$85,192)	(\$175,496)	(\$180,761)
Fringe Benefits	(\$55,507)	(\$111,738)	(\$112,485)
Equipment and Expense	(\$5,833)	(\$7,210)	(\$7,426)
<u>Total Costs – CTS</u>	<u>(\$146,532)</u>	<u>(\$294,444)</u>	<u>(\$300,672)</u>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$146,532)</u>	<u>(\$294,444)</u>	<u>(\$300,672)</u>
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Estimated Net FTE Changes for General Revenue Fund	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008 (6 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
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POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

<u>Costs – Greene County</u>			
County expenses for circuit court judge and court reporter			
	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would add one additional circuit judge to the thirty-first judicial circuit, beginning January 1, 2008.

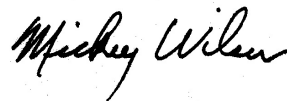
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of the Secretary of State

NOT RESPONDING

Greene County



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