

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6755S.01I
 Bill No.: SB 1587
 Subject: Courts; Judges
 Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal increases the number of associate circuit judges in Franklin County in the 20th judicial district.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$327,788)	(\$394,181)	(\$400,195)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$327,788)	(\$394,181)	(\$400,195)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§478.630 – Increases Number of Associate Circuit Judges in Franklin County

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state the proposed legislation increases the number of associate circuit judges in Franklin County in the twentieth Judicial District.

Section 478.630 adds an associate circuit judge to the twentieth Judicial circuit to be elected in 2028. This shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional judges per county as provided in section 478.320. The FY27 salary of an associate circuit judge is projected to be \$167,833 plus E&E of \$2,978 (\$2,117 one-time).

Section 478.630 addition of an associate circuit judge includes a senior court clerk for an associate circuit judge. The FY26 starting salary for a senior court clerk is \$46,057 plus E&E of \$2,978 (\$2,117 one-time).

The proposed legislation addition of an associate circuit judge and a senior court clerk are approximately \$219,846 and 2 FTE.

Oversight notes the estimate of the costs of this proposal provided by OSCA does not include fringe benefits or inflationary increases for salaries and equipment and expenses for the three-year period of the fiscal note. Oversight is providing an estimate of the additional costs.

Officials from the **Office of the Governor (GOV)** state this bill adds to the Governor's current load of appointment duties. Individually, additional requirements should not fiscally impact the Office of the Governor. However, the cumulative impact of additional appointment duties across all enacted legislation may require additional resources for the GOV.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – OSCA (\$478.630) p.3</u>			
Personal service	(\$179,009)	(\$218,268)	(\$221,782)
Fringe benefits	(\$143,110)	(\$174,157)	(\$176,621)
Equipment and expense	(\$5,669)	(\$1,756)	(\$1,792)
Total Costs - OSCA	(\$327,788)	(\$394,181)	(\$400,195)
FTE Change - OSCA	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$327,788)	(\$394,181)	(\$400,195)
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, Franklin County, located in the 20th Judicial District, has three associate circuit judges per the statutory formula. This act provides for an additional associate circuit judge for Franklin County to be appointed by the Governor until January 1, 2029, and elected thereafter.

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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