

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 3037-01  
BILL NO.: SB 715  
SUBJECT: Courts; Criminal Procedure; St. Louis County  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: January 3, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the budget of the judiciary.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Circuit Court** assume the proposal could have a fiscal impact on their budget. Specifically, St. Louis County reported that 1,189 petition for review cases and 693 blood alcohol cases were assigned and heard by traffic court judges during the 1999 calendar year. St. Louis assumes this proposal would require their agency to request one additional associate circuit judge (annual salary of \$87,235) to hear cases previously assigned to traffic court judges.

**Oversight** assumes the direct creation of a new judgeship in St. Louis County would require a specific change in the law. The proposal would result in an increase in additional caseload for existing associate and circuit judges in St. Louis County; however, there would be a corresponding decrease in caseload for traffic court judges. Oversight assumes any changes in judicial caseload could be absorbed with existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

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DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would modify the authority of traffic court judges in St. Louis County. Currently, the presiding judge of the circuit court may assign certain trial de novo cases relating to department of revenue and director of revenue decisions to traffic court judges. This proposal would no longer allow traffic court judges to hear these types of cases.

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  
St. Louis County Circuit Court



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