

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3441-01
Bill No.: HB 974
Subject: Counties; Courts; Judges
Type: Original
Date: January 20, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would provide that a county shall lose an associate circuit judge position if a judge retires or dies and its population has decreased in comparison to the last decennial census. CTS assumes any attempt on their part to estimate when these events might occur would be purely speculative and not useful for fiscal note purposes.

Oversight assumes Office of State Courts Administrator would experience a savings due to a decrease in salaries if an associate circuit judge position is lost due to the death or retirement of an associate circuit judge and a decrease in population compared to the last decennial census. Oversight also assumes counties could experience a small savings in expenses when they lose an associate circuit judge position. Oversight cannot predict the fiscal years that would be impacted by the legislation, as there is no way to predict when a judge might retire or die. Therefore, Oversight has reflected the fiscal impact as \$0 or Unknown in any given fiscal year.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Savings – Office of State Courts
Administrator

Decreased salaries due to loss of judge	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
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COUNTIES

<u>Savings</u> – decreased expenses	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
COUNTIES**

<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or 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.

DESCRIPTION

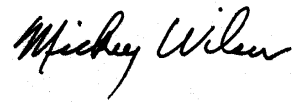
The proposed legislation would provide that a county shall lose an associate circuit judge position if a judge retires or dies and in that same year the county population has decreased in comparison to the last decennial census.

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

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