

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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Subject: Judges
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$269,977)	(\$549,168)	(\$558,615)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$269,977)	(\$549,168)	(\$558,615)

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	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposal would add two additional circuit judges to the 31st judicial circuit (Greene County).

For each additional circuit judge, the cost is 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 annual cost for this legislation to be \$315,720 plus fringe benefits (4 FTE). Because these judgeships are effective January 1, 2007, the cost for FY 07 would be \$157,860 plus fringe benefits.

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

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS)** state the retirement fringe benefits for judges is 58.48% of payroll.

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

Oversight assumes Greene County may incur additional expenses relating to the two additional judgeships. Since Greene County did not provide a fiscal impact statement, Oversight has reflected the cost as \$0 or Unknown.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (6 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Office of State Courts</u>			
Administrator (CTS)			
Personal Service (4 FTE)	(\$161,807)	(\$331,703)	(\$339,996)
Fringe Benefits	(\$101,170)	(\$203,465)	(\$204,619)
Equipment and Expense	<u>(\$7,000)</u>	<u>(\$14,000)</u>	<u>(\$14,000)</u>
<u>Total Costs – CTS</u>	<u>(\$269,977)</u>	<u>(\$549,168)</u>	<u>(\$558,615)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$269,977)</u>	<u>(\$549,168)</u>	<u>(\$558,615)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Costs – Greene County</u>			
Expenses associated with additional judgeships			
	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

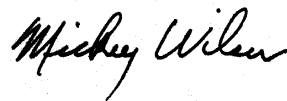
DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation authorizes the addition of two circuit court divisions in Greene County, beginning January 1, 2007. The proposed divisions will be filled by appointment initially, then elected in 2008 for a term beginning in 2009.

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
Missouri State Employees' Retirement System
Office of the Secretary of State

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