

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4147-01
Bill No.: HB 1629
Subject: Courts; Judges
Type: Original
Date: April 7, 2008

Bill Summary: The proposal allows for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the 31st Judicial Circuit in Greene County.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Revenue	(\$151,918)	(\$307,888)	(\$317,125)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$151,918)	(\$307,888)	(\$317,125)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

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

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

Circuit Court Judge:	\$116,975 per year, plus fringe benefits
Court Reporter:	\$53,410 per year, plus fringe benefits

The total annual cost for these new positions would be \$170,385 plus fringe benefits, and 2 FTE.

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 \$146,085.

Oversight has adjusted the Office of State Courts Administrator's (CTS) fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the Circuit Court Judge and Court Reporter. Oversight has adjusted CTS' fringe benefit estimates to reflect 76.44% for the Circuit Court Judge.

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 the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System and Greene County did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Office of State Courts</u>			
Administrator (CTS)			
Personal Service	(\$87,748)	(\$180,761)	(\$186,184)
Fringe Benefits	(\$56,872)	(\$119,917)	(\$123,515)
Equipment and Expense	(\$7,298)	(\$7,210)	(\$7,426)
<u>Total Costs – CTS</u>	<u>(\$151,918)</u>	<u>(\$307,888)</u>	<u>(\$317,125)</u>
FTE Change (CTS)	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$151,918)</u>	<u>(\$307,888)</u>	<u>(\$317,125)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Changes for General Revenue Fund	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2010	 FY 2011
<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>

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, 2009.

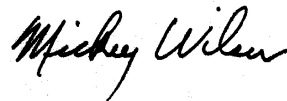
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Administration
– Division of Budget and Planning
Office of the Governor
Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of the Secretary of State

NOT RESPONDING

**Missouri State Employees' Retirement System
Greene County**



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