

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6298-02  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 2410  
Subject: Judges, Courts  
Type: Original  
Date: April 4, 2018

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to certain judges.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 (6 mos)	Fully Implemented (FY 2022)
General Revenue	\$0	\$0	(\$121,469)	(\$242,938)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$121,469)</b>	<b>(\$242,938)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 (6 mos)	Fully Implemented (FY 2022)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses. This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021 (6 mos)</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2022)</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>				
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021 (6 mos)</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2022)</b>
General Revenue	0 FTE	0 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0 FTE</b>	<b>0 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any Of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021 (6 mos)</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2022)</b>
Local Government	\$0	\$0	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** assume the proposed legislation modifies provisions relating to certain judges. The cost of an additional Associate Circuit Court Judge would be as follows:

Salary - \$137,745  
 Fringe - \$105,193  
 Total     \$242,938

Section 478.375 removes the requirement for a new circuit judge if the circuit builds a new jail or law enforcement center. Removing this language will have a zero impact on the judiciary.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal will be effective on January 1, 2021 and will be fully implemented in FY 2022. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a half year salary and fringe in FY 2021 with full implementation of the Associate Circuit Court Judge in FY 2022.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Cole County Circuit Court** assumed the County could have additional unknown costs such as courtroom renovations, judge’s chamber renovations, electronics for the courtroom and chambers and election costs from this proposal.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**  
**State Government**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 (6 mos)	Fully Implemented (FY 2022)
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>				
Cost - OSCA - additional Associate Circuit Court Judge in Cole County	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$121,469)</u>	<u>(\$242,938)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>(\$121,469)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$242,938)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT -  
Local Government

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 (6 mos)	Fully Implemented (FY 2022)
<b>COLE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FUNDS</b>				
<u>Cost</u> - additional court equipment/renovation expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE COLE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, there may only be one associate circuit judge in Cole County. This bill specifies that, effective January 1, 2021, there shall be two associate circuit judges in Cole County, with the second associate circuit judge being first elected in 2020.

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 the State Courts Administrator  
Cole County Circuit Court

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