

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4667H.01I
Bill No.: HB 2095
Subject: Courts; Counties
Type: Original
Date: January 21, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal creates a special surcharge in civil cases for construction of a new courthouse in the twenty-third judicial circuit.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Local Government	Up to \$372,788	Up to \$447,345	Up to \$447,345

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight notes the 23rd Judicial Circuit is currently not on-boarded with Oversight to receive legislation for response. In addition, officials from the Office of the State Courts Administrator did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact for this proposal. Oversight notes the 23rd Judicial Circuit is for Jefferson County and has based their estimates using the following information below.

Oversight assumes this proposal adds a surcharge of \$45 on civil circuit cases, in addition to all other court costs now or hereafter required by law or court rule, at the time of filing a suit and expires on August 28, 2045. Below is a 5 year average of the civil cases in the 23rd Judicial Circuit for Jefferson County. Oversight assumes taking \$45 per civil case and multiplying that against the 5 year average of cases filed, or 9,941, would result in \$447,345 per year in revenue for the 23rd Judicial Circuit for the construction of a new courthouse. Therefore, Oversight will reflect revenues of up to \$447,345 annually for this proposal.

<u>23RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CIVIL CASES</u>						
	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>5 Yr. Avg.</u>
Filed	9,369	8,826	9,737	11,201	10,573	9,941
Disposed	9,347	8,998	9,627	10,924	10,616	9,902

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	<u>FY 2025 (10 Mo.)</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	<u>FY 2025 (10 Mo.)</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
23rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT – JEFFERSON COUNTY			
<u>Revenue – \$45 surcharge on civil cases for construction of a new courthouse \$488,448</u>	<u>Up to \$372,788</u>	<u>Up to \$447,345</u>	<u>Up to \$447,345</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE 23RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY	<u>Up to \$372,788</u>	<u>Up to \$447,345</u>	<u>Up to \$447,345</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small businesses filing civil cases in the 23rd Judicial Circuit would be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

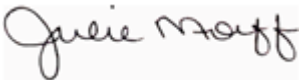
This bill specifies that associate circuit and circuit judges of the 23rd judicial circuit in St. Charles County will require parties filing a civil suit to pay a surcharge of \$45, which will be deposited into a courthouse construction fund. Funds will be used for the construction of a new courthouse in the circuit. These provisions will expire on August 28, 2045.

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

NOT RESPONDING

Office of the State Courts Administrator



Julie Morff
Director
January 21, 2024



Ross Strobe
Assistant Director
January 21, 2024