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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0924H.02C
Bill No.: HCS for HB 756
Subject: Courts; Counties
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal changes provisions governing the compensation of circuit clerks.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue*	More than (\$1,213,310)	More than (\$1,485,091)	More than (\$1,514,793)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	More than (\$1,213,310)	More than (\$1,485,091)	More than (\$1,514,793)

*Unknown loss of fees collected by Marion County Clerk assumed to be less than \$250,000 annually.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§483.083 – Compensation of circuit clerks

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** provide the following information:

- 1) In counties of the first classification each circuit clerk shall annually receive compensation in the amount of \$94,330;
- 2) In counties of the second or fourth classification each circuit clerk shall annually receive compensation in the amount of \$90,573;
- 3) In counties of the third classification each circuit clerk shall annually receive compensation in the amount of \$85,565.

The fiscal impact for circuit clerks would be a cost of \$1,455,972 annually to the General Revenue Fund.

Oversight notes the provisions of §483.083.3 are removed. In this provision, each person who was ordered by the judge to make child support payments through the clerk's office in Marion County was to be charged \$10 annually on/before February 1st with the fee to be paid to the state. Oversight has no way to determine the potential loss of this fee, but assumes it is less than \$250,000 annually. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will present the costs provided by OSCA, adjusted 2% annually and show an (Unknown) loss for the fees that were to be collected from persons making child support payments through the clerk's office.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (B&P)** state within the provisions of §483.083.1, circuit clerks within the first, second, third, and fourth counties of classification are set to receive varying increases of compensation contingent on the county of classification they represent. Section 483.083.1 indicates the salary adjustments provided by this section shall not be effective unless an initial appropriation necessary to fully fund the adjustments is approved by the general assembly and the governor. If the salary adjustments were to be fully funded by the General Assembly and Governor, B&P defers to OSCA for those specific cost estimates.

Section 483.083.3 strikes language requiring the circuit clerk of Marion County to charge ten dollars annually to each person required to submit their child support payments to the Marion County Clerk by a judge. Such fees are to be paid to the State. B&P assumes striking this language will result in some revenue reduction; although, it is unclear by how much.

Officials from the **Office of the Governor**, the **Missouri House of Representatives** and the **Missouri Senate** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, cities and various county officials were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs</u> – OSCA (§483.083) – increase in compensation to circuit clerks	(\$1,213,310)	(\$1,485,091)	(\$1,514,793)
<u>Loss</u> – OSCA (§483.083.3) – reduction in fees collected by clerk	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>More than (\$1,213,310)</u>	<u>More than (\$1,485,091)</u>	<u>More than (\$1,514,793)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

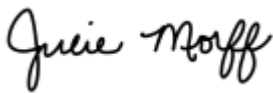
This bill amends the base salary structure for circuit clerks by increasing the base salaries, depending on classification of county, starting September 1, 2025. The bill also repeals a

provision related to child support payments ordered by a judge in Marion County to be paid through the circuit clerk. (§483.083)

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 - Budget and Planning
Office of the Governor
Missouri House of Representatives
Missouri Senate
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