

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 1113-02
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 318
Subject: Counties: Municipal County Courts
Type: Original
Date: March 19, 2003

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other 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 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would provide that Cass County Commissioners could mandate that all county ordinance violations be heard by an Associate Circuit Judge. Officials assume that if Cass County would elect to do this, it would increase the number of filings in the Associate Circuit Court in Cass County, however, officials stated they have no way of knowing what the increase in workload might be.

The population of Cass County has increased almost 29% between 1900 and 2000, and the workload of the circuit court has increased with the population. The number of cases filed in Cass County increased 8.3% between FY 01 and FY 02 alone. Cass County, along with 48 other Missouri counties, qualifies for an additional FTE as determined by the weighted workload criteria established by the Circuit Court Budget Committee. **Officials stated that any significant increase in the Court's workload would be addressed in future budget request.**

Oversight assumes this proposal as written does not mandate that the Cass County Commission require the Associate Circuit Court to hear county ordinance violation cases, therefore, Oversight assumes no fiscal impact.

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assume there would be no fiscal impact to their department.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
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* Oversight assumes this proposal is permissive.

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This substitute would allow the Cass County Commission elect to have the violations of county ordinances heard and determined by an Associate Circuit Judge. If the County Commission elects to have violations heard by the Circuit Judge all violations would be heard by the Circuit Judge.

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
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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NOT RESPONDING

Cass County Commission

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Mickey Wilson, CPA
Director
March 19, 2003