

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3338-02
Bill No.: HCS for SB 589
Subject: Courts; Jackson County; Judges; Kansas City
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$903,464)	(\$1,385,188)	(\$1,423,426)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$903,464)	(\$1,385,188)	(\$1,423,426)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	(\$7,928,300 to Unknown)	(\$478,300 to Unknown)	(\$478,300 to Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would add one additional circuit judge position in the 16th judicial circuit and the 26th judicial circuit beginning August 28, 2006.

For each circuit court judge, the costs are as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$108,000 per year, plus fringe benefits
 Court Reporter: \$49,860 per year, plus fringe benefits

CTS estimates the total cost for these two new judgeships to be approximately \$315,720 per fiscal year.

The proposal would also add one circuit judge position to the 31st circuit, 32nd circuit, and the 33rd circuit beginning January 1, 2007. Because these judgeships are effective on January 1, 2007, the cost for FY 07 would be \$236,790.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

CTS assumes the total annual cost of these five Circuit Court Judges and five Court Reporters to be approximately \$789,300 per fiscal year. When fringe benefits are added in, the total annual cost would be \$1,314,885. Should this legislation pass, the CTS would have to request a supplemental appropriation for FY 07 in the amount of \$824,207.

Oversight has adjusted the Office of State Courts Administrator's fiscal estimate to include equipment and expenses for the five Circuit Court Judges and five Court Reporters.

In response to a previous version of the proposal (SB 589, LR # 3338-01), officials from **Jackson County** assumed the addition of two new circuit judges in Independence would require a new facility. Jackson County estimates the cost of construction of the new facility to be approximately \$7,000,000. In addition, the cost for furniture and fixtures is estimated to be \$450,000. The county would also be responsible for funding certain staff: one FTE Bailiff/Law Clerk (at \$41,620 per year), one FTE Court Reporter (at \$51,900 per year), and one Judicial Administrative Assistant (at \$31,408 per year). In addition, officials estimate the cost of courthouse security personnel to be \$300,000 annually. Jackson County estimates the total cost of the proposal to be approximately \$7,917,800 in FY 07 and \$467,800 in subsequent years.

Oversight assumes counties may experience increased costs with an increase in the number of circuit court judges. Oversight has reflected this increase as Unknown.

Officials from Greene, Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Perry, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, and Scott Counties did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	(10 Mo.)		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Office of State Courts</u>			
Administrator (CTS)			
Personal Service (10 FTE)	(\$512,387)	(\$829,259)	(\$849,990)
Fringe Benefits	(\$324,577)	(\$525,304)	(\$538,436)
Equipment and Expense	<u>(\$66,500)</u>	<u>(\$30,625)</u>	<u>(\$35,000)</u>
<u>Total Costs – CTS</u>	<u>(\$903,464)</u>	<u>(\$1,385,188)</u>	<u>(\$1,423,426)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON			
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$903,464)</u>	<u>(\$1,385,188)</u>	<u>(\$1,423,426)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Costs – Jackson County</u>			
Personal Service and Fringe Benefits	(\$467,800)	(\$467,800)	(\$467,800)
Equipment and Expense	(\$460,500)	(\$10,500)	(\$10,500)
Facility Construction	<u>(\$7,000,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Total Costs – Jackson County</u>	(\$7,928,300)	(\$478,300)	(\$478,300)
<u>Costs – Counties</u>			
Costs associated with Circuit Courts	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(\$7,928,300 to Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$478,300 to Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$478,300 to Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation adds one new circuit judge position to the sixteenth judicial circuit, to sit at the city of Independence. The proposal also moves the division thirteen circuit judge position from Kansas City to Independence. (§478.463)

The proposal would add one additional circuit judge to the thirty-first judicial circuit, beginning January 1, 2007. (§478.513)

The proposal would add one additional circuit judge to the twenty-sixth judicial circuit, beginning August 28, 2006. (§478.705)

The proposal would add one additional circuit judge to the twenty-sixth judicial circuit, beginning January 1, 2007. (§478.710)

The proposal would add one circuit judges in the thirty-third judicial circuit. (Section 1)

DESCRIPTION (continued)

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
Jackson County

NOT RESPONDING

Greene, Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Perry, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, and Scott Counties



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