

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4245-02
BILL NO.: HB 2019
SUBJECT: County Officials; Courts; St. Louis
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 29, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would increase the authority for legal services for the Circuit Clerk of the City of St. Louis, 22nd Judicial Circuit, from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year. CTS indicated the increased costs to the state will be \$25,000 per year from general revenue.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Office of the State Courts Administrator <u>Cost - Legal fees</u>	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

Currently, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis can employ an attorney or attorneys to assist and advise the clerk in the performance of required duties. The proposal allows the clerk to retain outside legal counsel who would be paid an amount not exceeding \$50,000 if the clerk does not employ an attorney.

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

NOT RESPONDING: Circuit Clerk of the City of St. Louis

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 29, 2000