

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0986-01
Bill No.: HB 373
Subject: Courts
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Bill Summary: This proposal allows for the redrawing of the circuit and appellate districts every ten years by the Missouri Supreme Court as the administration of justice requires.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Revenue	(\$102,500)	(\$52,500)	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$102,500)	(\$52,500)	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (CTS)** state the proposed legislation would provide by January 1, 2015 and January first every ten years thereafter, the geographical boundaries and territorial jurisdiction of the circuit and appellate courts shall be altered by the Supreme Court. Also, the Supreme Court shall establish rules and standards with respect thereto, as well, as the number of circuit and appellate districts in existence as of December 31, 2014 shall not be altered. CTS assumes the proposal would require the use of an additional Program Specialist III FTE (at \$50,088 per year, plus fringes).

CTS states the legislation also includes a judicial workload study as part of its criteria in determining judicial transfers. A judicial workload study would cost approximately \$150,000 as well as meeting costs of approximately \$5,000 to evaluate the study.

In summary, CTS assumes a cost to the General Revenue Fund of \$174,703 in FY 2014, \$136,373 in FY 2015 and \$84,711 in FY 2016.

Oversight assumes that since the review and alterations will only occur every ten years, CTS will not require an additional FTE to implement the various aspects of this proposal, and therefore, have not included the additional person in the fiscal note estimates.

Officials from the **City of St. Louis** as well as the counties of **Boone, Clay, Greene, and Platte** counties did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
	(10 Mo.)		
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs - CTS</u>			
Contracted judicial workload study	(\$100,000)	(\$50,000)	\$0
Travel for the committee	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)	\$0
<u>Total Costs - CTS</u>	<u>(\$102,500)</u>	<u>(\$52,500)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$102,500)</u>	<u>(\$52,500)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<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 proposal allows for the redrawing of the circuit and appellate districts every ten years by the Missouri Supreme Court as the administration of justice requires. The Supreme Court must follow certain criteria when redrawing the judicial boundaries, and shall not alter the existing number of circuit and appellate districts. The current circuit and appellate boundaries will remain in law until December 31, 2014, and the Supreme Court will redraw the judicial boundaries beginning in 2015.

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 the State Courts Administrator

Not Responding:

City of St. Louis
Boone County
Clay County
Greene County
Platte County



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