

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0986-03
Bill No.: HCS for HB Nos. 373 & 435
Subject: Courts
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Bill Summary: This proposal allows for the redrawing of the circuit and appellate districts every twenty 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*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

* The fiscal impact of this proposal is beyond the scope of this note.

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.
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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 beginning in 2020 and every twenty years thereafter, the geographical boundaries and territorial jurisdiction of the judicial circuits by means of a circuit realignment plan, as the administration of justice may require. Also, once submitted to both houses, a circuit plan shall become effective January first of the year following the session to which it is submitted. A circuit realignment plan shall not alter the total number of judicial circuits in existence as of December 31, 2019, and any circuit realignment plan creating or reducing the number of judicial circuits shall be null and void.

The cost of this substitute is beyond the scope of this review; however, if this were to occur the proposal would require the use of a Program Specialist II at (\$50,088 per year plus fringes). This cost of the Program Specialist III could be more in FY 2019.

Also, the substitute includes using a current judicial weighted workload model, as well as a current clerical weighted workload model, it does not include a judicial workload study as part of its criteria in determining judicial transfers. However, there will still be meeting cost of approximately \$5,000 to evaluate possible transfers which would still occur in FY 2019.

In summary, CTS assumes the total cost each year, FY 2019 and forward, will be at least \$55,088 plus fringe benefits. However, CTS assumes this is outside the scope of the fiscal note.

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 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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<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 Supreme Court will redraw the judicial boundaries beginning in 2020 and every twenty years thereafter.

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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