

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0296-01
Bill No.: SB 81
Subject: Judges; Courts; Saint Louis; Appropriations; Elections
Type: Original
Date: January 16, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal authorizes additional circuit judges for certain circuits when indicated by annual judicial performance report.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	(\$774,742)	(\$1,549,484)	(\$1,936,855)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$774,742)	(\$1,549,484)	(\$1,936,855)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
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 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	6 FTE	12 FTE	15 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	6 FTE	12 FTE	15 FTE

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation authorizes additional circuit judges for certain circuits when indicated by annual judicial performance report.

This section of the proposed legislation indicates for three consecutive calendar years the need for four or more full-time judicial positions in any judicial circuit having a population of one hundred thousand or more there shall be one additional circuit judge position authorized in such circuit, subject to appropriations made for that purpose.

St. Louis County (21st Circuit) and the Greene County (31th Circuit) would each qualify for additional judicial positions in Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 and 2017. Each County would have 3 FTE judicial positions for a total of 6 FTEs annually and 12 FTEs cumulatively in FY 2017. St. Louis County would also qualify for an additional 3FTE judicial positions in 2018 or a cumulative total of 15 FTEs through FY 2018. The cost of each position is as follows:

Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017

	Salary	Fringe	Annual FTEs	Annual Total	Cumulative FTEs	Cumulative Total
Circuit Judge	\$145,343	\$111,037	2	\$512,760	2	\$512,760
Court Reporter	\$ 56,612	\$ 24,640	2	\$162,504	2	\$162,504
Court Clerk III	\$ 32,300	\$ 17,439	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 99,478</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 99,478</u>
Fiscal Year 2016			6	\$774,742	6	\$774,742
Fiscal Year 2017			6	\$774,742	12	\$1,549,484

Fiscal Year 2018

	Salary	Fringe	Annual FTEs	Annual Total	Cumulative FTEs	Cumulative Total
Circuit Judge	\$145,343	\$111,037	1	\$256,380	5	\$1,281,900
Court Reporter	\$ 56,612	\$ 24,640	1	\$162,504	5	\$ 406,260
Court Clerk III	\$ 32,300	\$ 17,439	<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 49,739</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>\$ 248,695</u>
Total 2018			3	\$468,623	15	\$1,936,855

Currently the JudWWL for St. Louis County is 12.54 FTE, this proposal would reduce the need to 11.54 in FY 2016, 10.54 in FY 2017 and 9.54 in FY 2018. The 31st Circuit JudWWL is 6.35, this proposal would reduce the need to 5.35 on FY 2016, and 4.35 in FY 2017.

Officials at **St. Louis County** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at Greene County did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
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GENERAL REVENUE

<u>Cost - St. Louis County and 31st Circuit additional judicial positions</u>	<u>(\$774,742)</u>	<u>(\$1,549,484)</u>	<u>(\$1,936,855)</u>
FTE Change - St. Louis County and 31 st Circuit	6 FTE	12 FTE	15 FTE

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$774,742)</u>	<u>(\$774,742)</u>	<u>(\$468,623)</u>
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Estimated Net FTE Change for General Revenue	6 FTE	12 FTE	15 FTE
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<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

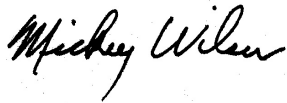
This act provides that when an annual judicial performance report indicates for three consecutive years that a judicial circuit with a population of one hundred thousand people or more is in need of four or more full-time judicial positions then, subject to appropriations, there shall be one additional circuit judge position authorized in that circuit. The act also repeals sections of law referencing the appointment of a janitor-messenger in the circuit court of the City of St. Louis.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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