

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1250-01  
Bill No.: HB 600  
Subject: Judges  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: The proposal adds one additional circuit judge to the 38<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Revenue	(\$151,021)	(\$307,407)	(\$316,026)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$151,021)</b>	<b>(\$307,407)</b>	<b>(\$316,026)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Revenue	2	2	2
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

☒ 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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(\$2,000)</b>	<b>(\$4,000)</b>	<b>(\$4,000)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume, for each circuit judge, the cost is as follows:

Circuit Court Judge: \$120,484 per year, plus fringe benefits  
 Court Reporter: \$55,012 per year, plus fringe benefits

CTS assumes the total cost for this legislation would be approximately \$150,000 in FY 2010 (six months) and approximately \$310,000 in subsequent years.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **38<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – Christian and Taney Counties** assume they would incur office expenses in the amount of \$2,000 in FY 2010 and \$4,000 in subsequent years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (6 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs – Office of State Courts</u>			
Administrator (CTS)			
Personal Service	(\$90,380)	(\$186,184)	(\$191,769)
Fringe Benefits	(\$57,711)	(\$121,223)	(\$124,257)
Equipment and Expense	(\$2,930)	\$0	\$0
<u>Total Costs – (CTS)</u>	<u>(\$151,021)</u>	<u>(\$307,407)</u>	<u>(\$316,026)</u>
FTE Change – CTS	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$151,021)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$307,407)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$316,026)</u></b>
Estimated Net FTE Change for General Revenue Fund	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (6 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
<u>Costs – Christian and Taney Counties</u>			
Office expenses	<u>(\$2,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b><u>(\$2,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$4,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$4,000)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

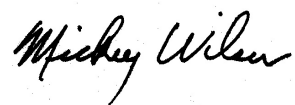
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning January 1, 2010, the proposed legislation authorizes, one additional circuit judge position in the 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. The judge who sits on December 31, 2009, will be the circuit judge in Christian County in division one beginning January 1, 2010, until his or her term ends or a successor is elected and qualified. The circuit judge in Taney County in division two will be elected in 2010.

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  
Office of the Secretary of State  
38<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court – Christian and Taney Counties



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