

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0259H.01I
Bill No.: HB 157
Subject: Courts
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Bill Summary: This proposal creates the Change of Venue for Capital Cases Fund to reimburse a county that receives a capital case from another county for costs associated with the sequestering of jurors.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
General Revenue	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Change of Venue for Capital Cases Fund	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Counties	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)**, the **Attorney General’s Office**, the **Office of the State Public Defender** and the **Office of the State Treasurer** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

In response to similar legislation from 2020, Perfected HCS for HB 1331, officials at the **Grundy County Circuit Clerk & Recorder’s Office** stated they have not received any Change of Venue capital cases for their county.

In response to similar legislation from 2020, Perfected HCS for HB 1331, officials at **Marion County** stated they have had one capital case in the past decade and are unaware of any capital cases that they have received a “Change of Venue”.

In response to similar legislation from 2020, Perfected HCS for HB 1331, officials at the **Wright County Circuit Clerk** assumed no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight notes the table below is a 5 year average of the occurrence of disposed felony cases that had change of venue in the State of Missouri:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>5 Year Average</u>
Total Circuit Felony Cases Dipped*	45,782	46,148	45,132	42,659	42,918	44,528
Total Change of Venue Cases**	577	683	753	924	792	746
Percentage of Felony Cases with Change of Venue	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	2.2%	1.8%	1.7%
*Table 1 of Courts Annual Report Supplement						
**Table 50 of Courts Annual Report Supplement						

Change of Venue cases for Felony Cases represent a small percentage of the overall Felony Cases. Oversight assumes that capital cases would be an even smaller percent.

Oversight notes that the new fund would be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and that counties who apply for a reimbursement for a change of venue on a capital case could then receive reimbursement of costs associated with the sequestering of jurors. Oversight notes that OSCA will disburse the money to the county if they are eligible for reimbursement. Oversight notes not all funds may be reimbursed to the counties. Therefore, Oversight will reflect appropriations going to the new fund from general revenue as a \$0 to unknown and potential reimbursements to counties as a \$0 to unknown from the new fund for this proposal.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other counties were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** notes many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The Secretary of State's office is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to Secretary of State's office for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The Secretary of State's office recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, we also recognize that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT –</u> <u>State Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Transfer Out –</u> Appropriated funds to the Change of Venue for Capital Cases Fund	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT GENERAL REVENUE	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CAPITAL CASES FUND			
<u>Transfer In</u> – appropriated funds from General Revenue	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Costs</u> – OSCA – reimbursement to counties that have a change of venue on a capital case from another county that sequestered jurors	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CAPITAL CASES FUND	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
COUNTIES			
<u>Reimbursement of Costs</u> – payments for a change of venue for a capital case held in counties	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY FUNDS	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

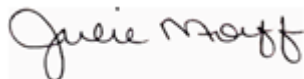
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation creates the Change of Venue for Capital Cases Fund to reimburse a county that receives a capital case from another county for costs associated with the sequestering of jurors.

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

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Attorney General's Office
Office of the State Public Defender
Office of the State Treasurer
Grundy County Circuit Clerk & Recorder's Office
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