

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4246-03  
Bill No.: Perfected SB 621  
Subject: Courts; Judges  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies various provisions of law relating to the administration of the judicial system.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<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.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials at the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation modifies various provisions of law relating to the administration of the judicial system. There may be some unknown costs, however, they would not anticipate a fiscal impact in excess of \$100,000 on all statutes other than Section 476.330. Section 476.330 brings the judges together to develop and make recommendations which is required by this statute. This portion of the proposal will result in a cost of \$146,000. Currently, CTS does their meeting annually in the fall. This proposal does not say that the meeting will be held in "odd-numbered years" but that "it shall be called at least once every odd-numbered year". CTS assumes that the proposal does not mean it will only occur in odd-numbered years but that it can also occur every year. The chart below is additional information of the \$146,000 costs that are associated with the Judicial Conference:

In State Travel	\$90,100
Supplies	2,000
Registration Fee for conference (\$250/judge)	50,000
Printing costs	1,200
Booth Rentals	400
Equipment Rental	800
Miscellaneous	<u>1,500</u>
Total Costs	\$146,000

**Oversight** assumes this proposal requires the meeting to be held at least every odd-numbered year, which makes the next meeting in calendar year 2015 and would result in a savings in those years the meeting was not held. Oversight notes the CTS assumes they will continue to have yearly meetings so no savings will be realized. Oversight will show this proposal as having no fiscal impact.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

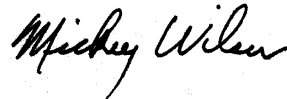
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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

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