

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0974-01
Bill No.: SB 0360
Subject: Courts; Judges; Civil Procedure; Revenue Dept.
Type: Original
Date: February 8, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTIONS

Officials from the **Department of Transportation, Office of Prosecution Services, Office of State Courts Administrator, and Office of the State Public Defender** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** assume:

The impact of this legislation will eliminate the use of traffic commissioners from hearing Department of Revenue administrative driving while intoxicated trial denovo cases St. Louis County. While this will not increase case loads for the department's staff attorney's, this may require the department to have additional staff attorneys to cover dockets that are spread among a much broader number of associate circuit court judges in St. Louis County.

This legislation will potentially create longer trials and more judicial decisions rendered in error. These affects are a result of spreading driving while intoxicated appeal cases among a much larger group of judges who are not aware of the complexity and ever changing requirements in Missouri's driving while intoxicated laws.

The Department of Revenue's General Counsel's Office will have significant impact in sustaining appropriate attorney staff levels that will be required to cover a much broader docket schedule in St. Louis County.

The fiscal impact is unknown.

Oversight assumes the fiscal impact, if any, will be minimal and can be met with existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would prevent traffic court judges from reviewing Dept. of Revenue decisions.

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

Department of Transportation
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of the State Public Defender
Department of Revenue

NOT RESPONDING

Office of the Attorney General

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 8, 2001