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Bill Number:HB2249Patron:GreenBill Title:Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.

Bill Summary: Increases the maximum number of authorized general district court judges in the Ninth Judicial District from three to four. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

| Budget Amendment Necessary: | | Yes Items Impacted: | | ltem 34 |
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| Explanation: | See Below | | | |

Fiscal Summary: This bill would require additional funding and one position to cover an additional General District Courts judgeship.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

| Agency | FY2025 | <u>FY2026</u> | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | FY2030 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| General District Courts | | \$312,202 | \$308,902 | \$308,902 | \$308,902 | \$308,902 |
| TOTAL | | \$312,202 | \$308,902 | \$308,902 | \$308,902 | \$308,902 |
| Position Impact: | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | FY2030 |
| <u>Agency</u> General District | <u>F12025</u> | <u>F12020</u> | <u>F12027</u> | <u>F12028</u> | <u>F12029</u> | <u>F12030</u> |
| Courts | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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Fiscal Analysis: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the estimated cost for a district court judgeship in the first year is \$312,202, which includes \$294,307 to cover salary and benefit costs, \$14,595 for a substitute judge, and \$3,300 in one-time expenses to equip chambers. The estimated cost for every subsequent year is \$308,902, which includes \$294,307 to cover salary and benefit costs for the additional judge and \$14,595 for a substitute judge.

Other: None