Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2361 **Patron:** Torian
Bill Title: Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.

Bill Summary: Increases the maximum number of authorized general district court judges in the Thirty-first Judicial District from five to six. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 34
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	FY2026	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:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
General District Courts		1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL		**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**

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