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Bill Number:HB2729 H1Patron:HopeBill Title:Maximum number of authorized judges in each judicial district and circuit.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill increases the authorized number of general district court judgeships in the ninth, twelfth, twenty-sixth, and thirty-first districts, the number of juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships in the second, fifth, twelfth, fifteenth, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth districts, and the number of authorized circuit court judgeships in the twenty-seventh circuit. Under the bill, the maximum number of authorized judgeships increases by one for each referenced district or circuit.

Budget Amendment Necessary:YesItems Impacted:Item 33, Item 34, Item 35Explanation:See below

Fiscal Summary: This bill would require additional funding and 11 positions to cover one circuit court judgeship and ten general district court judgeships.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
Circuit Courts		\$339,212	\$335,912	\$335,912	\$335,912	\$335,912
General District		\$1,248,808	\$1,235,608	\$1,235,608	\$1,235,608	\$1,235,608
Courts						
Juvenile and						
Domestic		\$1,873,212	\$1,853,412	\$1,853,412	\$1,853,412	\$1,853,412
Relations						
District Courts						
TOTAL		\$3,461,232	\$3,424,932	\$3,424,932	\$3,424,932	\$3,424,932

Position Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Circuit Courts		1	1	1	1	1
General District		4	4	4	4	4
Courts						
Juvenile and						
Domestic		6	6	6	6	6
Relations						
District Courts						
TOTAL		11	11	11	11	11

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Fiscal Analysis: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the estimated cost for a circuit court judgeship is \$339,212 in the first year, which includes the expense to equip chambers, and the cost for every subsequent year is \$335,912; the estimated cost a district court judgeship in the first year is \$312,202, which includes the expense to equip chambers, and the estimated cost for every subsequent year is \$308,902.

Other: None