## Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2599 ER Patron: Cherry

**Bill Title:** Chief judges; designation of cases to be heard in the Twelfth Judicial District.

**Bill Summary:** The bill allows the chief judges of the Twelfth Judicial District General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court to designate by order cases to be heard in courtrooms in the Colonial Heights General District Court or Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court whose proper, preferred, or permissible venue is laid in Chesterfield County. The bill's provisions supersede all other provisions outside the bill related to the venue of cases to be heard in general district court or juvenile and domestic relations district court.

An enactment clause provides that the bill will expire at such time that an additional judge and additional administrative staff are authorized and funded for either or both of the general district and the juvenile and domestic relations district courts in the Twelfth Judicial District and (i) the courthouse building located in Chesterfield County where such additional judge shall preside and such administrative staff shall be employed is expanded or otherwise renovated to provide courtroom and office space for such judge and administrative staff or (ii) alternate courtroom and support space is identified for use by such judge and administrative staff.

Another enactment clause provides that the chief judges of the Twelfth Judicial District General District Court and the Twelfth Judicial District Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court shall not enter any order or take any other action to use the courtrooms of the Colonial Heights General District Court or the Colonial Heights Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for any civil or criminal cases whose proper, preferred, or permissible venue is laid within Chesterfield County until the city manager of the City of Colonial Heights and the county administrator of Chesterfield County execute a memorandum of understanding that specifies the terms and conditions for such use of the Colonial Heights courtrooms.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: N/A

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on Courts.

Fiscal Analysis: None required

Other: None