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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 194

Patron: Delores L. McQuinn

Bill Title: Judges; maximum number of judges in each judicial district.

Bill Summary: Increases from five to six the maximum number of authorized general district court judges in the Twelfth Judicial District. The bill also increases from six to seven the maximum number of authorized juvenile and domestic relations district court judges in the Twelfth Judicial District. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 34 & 35

Explanation: The proposed bill would increase the authorized number of general district court judgeships in the Twelfth Judicial District from five to six; and increase the number of authorized juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships in Twelfth Judicial District from six to seven.

Fiscal Summary: The estimated cost for a district court judgeship in the first year is \$322,128, which includes the expense to equip chambers. The estimated cost for every subsequent year is \$318,028. Therefore, the total fiscal impact of this bill for the first year would be \$644,256. The estimated total cost for every subsequent year is \$636,056.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
General District Courts		\$322,128	\$318,028	\$318,028	\$318,028	\$318,028
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts		\$322,128	\$318,028	\$318,028	\$318,028	\$318,028
TOTAL		\$644,256	\$636,056	\$636,056	\$636,056	\$636,056

Position Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
General District Courts		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

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Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

Fiscal Analysis: The first-year impact would be \$322,128. This includes \$304,440 to cover salary and benefit costs for each additional judge, \$11,600 for a substitute judge, and \$4,100 in one-time expenses to equip chambers. The ongoing impact would be \$318,028. This includes \$304,440 to cover salary and benefit costs for each additional judge, and \$11,600 for a substitute judge.

Other: None