

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6042
BILL NUMBER: SB 17

NOTE PREPARED: Oct 21, 2024
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election of Lake County Superior Court Judges.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph Lonnie M
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the superior court judges of Lake County are elected as are other superior court judges. It provides that the change to the election of a judge does not occur until the general election that occurs immediately before the expiration of the term of a judge sitting on the court under current law. It also repeals superseded provisions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Election of Superior Court Judges:* The election of judges in Lake County would not have an impact on local expenditures. Under current law, judges in Lake County are placed on the general election ballot every six years for a vote of retention. Given that the bill would require the judges to be directly elected by a general election ballot every six years, the general election ballot may need to be reorganized to accommodate the direct election of the judges.

Judicial Nominating Commission: Under the bill, the Lake County judicial nominating commission would be repealed. Under current law, members of the commission are not directly compensated by salary, but are compensated for actual expenses incurred in performing their duties. They could experience a slight reduction in expenditures under this provision.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Lake County.

Information Sources: IC 33-33-45-41.

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