

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3347H.01I
Bill No.: HB 1630
Subject: Circuit Clerks; Salaries
Type: Original
Date: January 22, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the salaries of circuit clerks.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Revenue	(\$3,778,834)	(\$4,534,601)	(\$4,534,601)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$3,778,834)	(\$4,534,601)	(\$4,534,601)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§483.083 – Salaries of Circuit Clerks

Officials from the Office of the State Courts Administrator did not respond to **Oversight’s** request for fiscal impact for this proposal.

Oversight assumes the following increased costs for non-charter circuit clerk salaries in order to meet the provisions of this proposal:

CIRCUIT CLERKS

<u>Circuits</u>	<u>FTEs</u>	<u>Current Budget*</u>	<u>New Salary at FY24 Judicial Statutory Salary Rate</u>	<u>Difference of New Salary vs. Current Budgeted Salary</u>
1	3	205,131	304,617	99,486
2	3	205,131	304,617	99,486
3	4	273,508	406,156	132,648
4	5	341,885	507,696	165,811
5	2	154,937	203,078	48,141
6	1	86,560	101,539	14,979
7	1	86,560	86,560	-
8	2	136,754	203,078	66,324
9	3	205,131	304,617	99,486
10	4	290,490	406,156	115,666
11	1	86,560	86,560	-
12	3	205,131	304,617	99,486
13	2	164,635	203,078	38,443
14	2	143,054	203,078	60,024
15	2	156,150	203,078	46,928
16	1	91,738	91,738	-
17	2	164,635	203,078	38,443
18	2	146,452	203,078	56,626
19	1	86,560	101,539	14,979
20	3	223,314	304,617	81,303
21	1	86,560	86,560	-

22	1	139,577	101,539	-
23	1	86,560	86,560	-
24	4	291,691	406,156	114,465
25	4	273,508	406,156	132,648
26	5	360,068	507,696	147,628
27	3	205,131	304,617	99,486
28	4	273,508	406,156	132,648
29	1	91,738	101,539	9,801
30	5	341,885	507,696	165,811
31	1	86,560	101,539	14,979
32	3	228,492	304,617	76,125
33	2	136,754	203,078	66,324
34	2	136,754	203,078	66,324
35	2	136,754	203,078	66,324
36	2	136,754	203,078	66,324
37	4	273,508	406,156	132,648
38	1	86,560	101,539	14,979
39	3	205,131	304,617	99,486
40	2	146,452	203,078	56,626
41	2	136,754	203,078	66,324
42	5	341,885	507,696	165,811
43	5	341,885	507,696	165,811
44	3	205,131	304,617	99,486
45	2	146,452	203,078	56,626
46	1	86,560	101,539	14,979
	116	8,436,928	11,708,818	3,309,928
			Fringe at 37%	1,224,673
			TOTAL	4,534,601

*Source: OSCA'S FY25 Budget Book

Charter
 Counties

Associate Circuit Judge Salary = 156,214
 65% of Assoc. Cir. Judge Salary
 = 101,539

According to FY24
 Judicial Statutory
 Salaries

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 ASSUMPTIONS:**

- Legislation does not mention what charter counties salaries would be. Therefore, Oversight assumes those salaries remain the same as suggested in the FY25 OSCA Budget Book.
- Oversight assumes the City of St. Louis Circuit Clerk salary will remain the same as the current budgeted salary is greater than what is suggested in the legislation under section 483.083.1(1).
- Grand total amount will be greater than amount calculated since this is not taking into account any future salary adjustments under section 476.405.
- Oversight is assuming a 37% fringe rate for the circuit clerks.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – additional base salary increases to circuit clerks plus fringe benefits §483.083</u>	<u>(\$3,778,834)</u>	<u>(\$4,534,601)</u>	<u>(\$4,534,601)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$3,778,834)</u>	<u>(\$4,534,601)</u>	<u>(\$4,534,601)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, salaries for circuit clerks are established in statute and vary by county classification. As specified in this bill, the annual salaries of circuit clerks shall be equal to 65% of the annual salaries of associate circuit judges, as established in Section 476.405, RSMo.

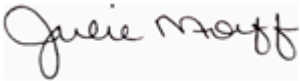
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

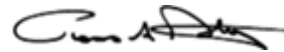
Office of the State Courts Administrator's Budget book

NOT RESPONDING

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