

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3347H.02C
 Bill No.: HCS for HB 1630
 Subject: Circuit Clerks; Salaries
 Type: Original
 Date: February 27, 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	(\$3,834,000)	(\$4,600,800)	(\$4,600,800)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$3,834,000)	(\$4,600,800)	(\$4,600,800)

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 (OSCA)** assume the proposed legislation modifies provisions relating to the Salaries of Circuit Clerks. Section 483.083 states each circuit clerk shall annually receive compensation in the amount equal to sixty – two percent the annual salary of an Associate Circuit Judge. Based upon the FY25 projected Associate Circuit Judge salaries, the fiscal impact for Circuit Clerks would be a cost of \$ 3,358,248.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimate as provided by the OSCA. Oversight notes OSCA did not respond to the request for fiscal impact for the original bill in time for the fiscal note to be prepared for the hearing. Oversight assumes OSCA’s amount represents the salary portion only for this proposal. Using a 37% fringe benefit rate, Oversight has estimated the new circuit clerks cost as follows:

New Statutory Salary	\$3,358,248			
Fringe at 37%	<u>\$1,242,552</u>			
TOTAL	\$4,600,800			
OVERSIGHT 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.				
- 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.				

Therefore, **Oversight** will reflect an annual cost of \$4,600,800 for this proposal.

<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>(\$3,834,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,600,800)</u>	<u>(\$4,600,800)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$3,834,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,600,800)</u>	<u>(\$4,600,800)</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.

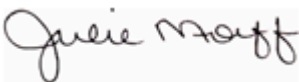
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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 62% of the annual salaries of associate circuit judges, as established in Section 476.405, RSMo.

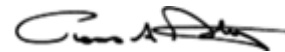
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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