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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4014S.01I
Bill No.: SB 937
Subject: Crime and Punishment; Counties; County Officials; Courts; Judges
Type: Original
Date: February 27, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to change of venue for felonies and misdemeanors.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
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 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
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 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Local Government	\$0 or Unknown savings	\$0 or Unknown savings	\$0 or Unknown savings

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Attorney General’s Office**, the **Department of Corrections** and the **Office of the State Public Defender** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)** state there would be no measurable fiscal impact to MOPS. The bill would provide a positive fiscal impact to county prosecuting attorneys’ offices in jurisdictions with 75,000 or less in population by reducing the number of cases transferred to other counties which in return would reduce travel and other expenses of those prosecutors. However, the exact positive fiscal impact on those local prosecutors' office is difficult to determine.

Oversight will reflect a potential savings to counties based on MOPS’ response.

Oversight notes all of the counties in Missouri except those listed below have “seventy-five thousand or fewer inhabitants.”

COLE	77,279		BOONE	183,610
CAPE GIRARDEAU	81,710		JEFFERSON	226,739
BUCHANAN	84,793		CLAY	253,335
CHRISTIAN	88,842		GREENE	298,915
FRANKLIN	104,682		ST. LOUIS CITY	301,578
PLATTE	106,718		ST. CHARLES	405,262
CASS	107,824		JACKSON	717,204
JASPER	122,761		ST. LOUIS	1,004,125

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
COUNTIES			
<u>Savings</u> – potential reduction in the number of cases transferred to other counties – reduced travel and other expenses	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO COUNTIES	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

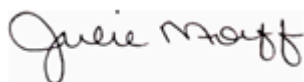
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, criminal cases filed in Cole County shall follow procedures different from the Missouri Supreme Court Rules in order to obtain a change of venue for misdemeanors or felonies. This act provides that counties with 75,000 or fewer inhabitants shall follow procedures different from the Missouri Supreme Court Rules in order to obtain a change of venue for misdemeanors or felonies.

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
 Attorney General’s Office
 Department of Corrections
 Office of the State Public Defender



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