

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1744

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed  
 Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Griffith

**3. Committee** H. Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Number of circuit court judges.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Increases the number of circuit court judges by adding a seventh judge to the twenty-third judicial Circuit.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:**

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	-	-	-
2001-02	\$280,297	4	GF
2002-03	\$277,797	4	GF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 30 and Items 60, 61, and 63 (See #8 below).

**8. Fiscal implications:**

The additional judgeship position will cost \$204,095, with an additional \$2,500 for start-up costs. The additional judgeship requires two court services officers and one deputy clerk position to be funded under the Compensation Board. The two court service officers cost \$52,812 or \$26,406 each, and the deputy clerk costs \$20,890. The total costs to the Compensation Board is \$73,702. The total fiscal impact for this bill is \$280,297 in FY 2002.

Judgeship Costs:

Salary – as of 11/25/00	\$123,027
Retirement – 50 percent	\$61,514
Group Life	\$984
Retirement Health Ins.	\$1,489
FICA	\$6,769
Health	\$5,232
Clerk Hire	\$1,500
Sub/Retirement judge based on 17.9 days	\$3,580
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$204,095</b>
Start-up Cost	\$2,500
<b>GRAND Total</b>	<b>\$206,595</b>

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The court system and the Compensation Board.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration

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