

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB719

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

**2. Patron** Howell

**3. Committee** House Court of Justice

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

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Increases the number of circuit court judges by a total of 4 by adding one to each of the following circuits: First Judicial Circuit (Chesapeake), Fourteenth Judicial Circuit (Henrico), Fifteenth Judicial Circuit (Fredericksburg, Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond County, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Westmoreland) and the Twenty-ninth Judicial Circuit (Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell).

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	1,126,176	12	GF
2003-04	1,116,176	12	GF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Items 32, 64 and 66

**8. Fiscal implications:** The additional four judgeship positions will cost \$205,342 each, with an additional startup cost of \$2,500 each, for a total of \$831,368. Each additional judgeship requires two court services officers and one deputy clerk position to be funded under the Compensation Board. Each court services officer costs \$26,406 and each deputy clerk position costs \$20,890. The total impact on the Compensation Board will be \$294,808. Total annual costs are \$1,126,176 in fiscal year 2003 and \$1,126,176 in fiscal year 2004.

Salary	123,027
Retirement – 50 percent	61,514
Group Life	1,206
Retirement Health Insurance	1,685
FICA	7,048
Health	5,544
Clerk Hire	1,500
Sub/Retirement Judge (based on 19.09 days)	3,818
TOTAL	205,342
Startup costs	2,500
GRAND TOTAL (annual judgeship position)	207,842

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court