

Department of Planning and Budget

2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB388ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Stolle

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Number of circuit court judges.

5. Summary/Purpose: Adds a fifth circuit court judge to the Third Judicial Circuit (Portsmouth).

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	\$303,576	1	General Fund
2007-08	\$301,076	1	General Fund
2008-09	\$301,076	1	General Fund
2009-10	\$301,076	1	General Fund
2010-11	\$301,076	1	General Fund
2011-12	\$301,076	1	General Fund

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 32, 59, and 64.

8. Fiscal implications: The amounts shown include the salary, fringe benefits, substitute judge days and equipment for one new circuit court judge. Also included is funding for two deputy sheriffs and one clerk, funded through the Compensation Board. The expenditure impact could increase in out years if salaries increase. The second year decrease is due to nonrecurring equipment costs.

Judge salary	\$138,028
Related Benefits	\$74,603
Sub. Judge Days	\$4,660
Equipment (first year only)	\$2,500
Deputy Sheriffs (Comp Board)	\$60,474
Clerk	\$23,311
TOTAL	\$303,576

The House and Senate approved an amendment providing funding for one new judge but did not provide funding for a deputy sheriff funded through the Compensation Board.

The agency cannot absorb the funding for the additional judgeship position. An enactment clause should be added to the bill such as: "That this act, for which general fund dollars are required, shall not take effect unless a specific appropriation has been included to support the provisions of this act within a general appropriation act taking effect July 1, 2006, that has been approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor."

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Court System and Compensation Board.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB 63ER.

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