

Department of Planning and Budget

2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB391ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Stolle

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Number of district court judges.

5. Summary/Purpose: Increases the number of general district court judges by one in each of the following districts: 19th (Fairfax and Fairfax County); 20th (Loudoun, Rappahannock, Fauquier); and 27th (Galax, Radford, Pulaski, Wythe, Carroll, Montgomery, Floyd, Giles, Bland, and Grayson). The bill also increases the number of juvenile court judges by one in each of the following districts: 7th (Newport News); 14th (Henrico); 19th (Fairfax and Fairfax County); and 26th (Harrisonburg, Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah, Page, and Rockingham). This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2007-08	1,614,543	7	General Fund
2008-09	1,597,043	7	General Fund
2009-10	1,597,043	7	General Fund
2010-11	1,597,043	7	General Fund
2011-12	1,597,043	7	General Fund

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Items 33, 34 and 59.

8. Fiscal implications: The amounts shown include the salary, fringe benefits, substitute judge days and equipment for three new general district court judges and four new juvenile and domestic relations court judges, for a total of seven new judgeships. Also included is funding for one deputy sheriff, funded through the Compensation Board, for each new judgeship. Expenditure impact could increase in out years if salaries increase. Second year decrease is due to the nonrecurring equipment costs.

Salaries (Seven Judges @ \$124,233)	\$869,631
Related Benefits (Seven Judges @ \$68,459)	\$479,213
Sub. Judge Days (Seven Judges @ \$4,178)	\$36,540
Equipment (Seven Judges @ \$2,500)	\$17,500
Deputy Sheriff (Comp Board)	\$211,659

TOTAL	\$1,614,543
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The Senate passed an amendment funding the seven additional judgeships but did not include funding for the additional deputy sheriff positions. The House provided funding for seven additional judges and fourteen district court support positions, but no funding for additional deputy sheriff positions.

The agency cannot absorb the funding for these additional judgeship positions.

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: District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, Compensation Board.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB 62.

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