

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB178

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marsh

**3. Committee:** Senate Courts of Justice

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

**5. Summary:** Adds an additional circuit court judge to each of the following circuits: 10th (Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Prince Edward); 14th (Henrico); 15th (Fredericksburg, Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland); 26th (Harrisonburg, Winchester, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren); 27th (Galax, Radford, Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Wythe); and 30th (Norton, Lee, Scott, Wise). This bill is a recommendation of Judicial Council.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8)

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$2,055,611	6	GF
2010	\$2,040,611	6	GF
2011	\$2,040,611	6	GF
2012	\$2,040,611	6	GF
2013	\$2,040,611	6	GF
2014	\$2,040,611	6	GF

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Items 40 and 69

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The amounts shown include the salary (\$155,033), fringe benefits (\$91,283), substitute judge days (\$4,138) and equipment costs (\$2,500) per judgeship. An adjustment for one-time equipment costs has been factored into the calculations for the out years.

According to the Compensation Board, this legislation will also require twelve additional court security positions and six deputy clerks at a cost of \$537,887 per year.

Not included in the out year projection are any pay increases or increases in related benefit costs that may apply.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts, Compensation Board

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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