

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB179

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 district court judges.

5. Summary: Increases by one the number of general district court judges in the following districts: 2nd (Virginia Beach); 11th (Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Amelia, Powhatan); 15th (Fredericksburg, Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland); and 26th (Harrisonburg, Winchester, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren); and increases by one the number of juvenile and domestic relations district court judges in the following districts: 1st (Chesapeake); 11th (Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Amelia, Powhatan); 15th (Fredericksburg, Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland); 16th (Charlottesville, Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Goochland, Louisa, Orange, Culpeper); 28th (Bristol, Smyth, Washington); and 29th (Tazewell, Buchanan, Russell, Dickenson). This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$2,641,356	10	GF
2010	\$2,615,356	10	GF
2011	\$2,615,356	10	GF
2012	\$2,615,356	10	GF
2013	\$2,615,356	10	GF
2014	\$2,615,356	10	GF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Items 41, 42 and 69.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Supreme Court of Virginia, the salary (\$139,538 per judge), fringe benefits (\$84,054 per judge), substitute judge days (\$5,260 plus \$402 for social security per judge) and equipment costs (\$2,500 per position) for each district court judge would total \$231,574.

According to the Compensation Board, this legislation will also require \$323,816 in salary and benefits for ten court security personnel. Cost for one time equipment expenditures are excluded from the calculations in the out year projections.

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

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: In FY09, General District courts (Item 41) would reflect an increase of \$927,016 and four positions and Juvenile and Domestic Relations court (Item 42) would reflect an increase of \$1,390,524 and six positions.

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