

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB274

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Peace

3. Committee: House Committee on Appropriations

4. Title: Additional circuit court judge; Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

5. Summary: Increases the number of circuit court judges in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit from eight to nine.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 42

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$346,052	1	General Fund
2014	\$349,332	1	General Fund
2015	\$349,332	1	General Fund
2016	\$349,332	1	General Fund
2017	\$349,332	1	General Fund
2018	\$349,332	1	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The cost to add a circuit court judge is \$258,589 a year, which includes \$2,500 the first year for equipment.

According to the Compensation Board, this legislation would also require one deputy clerk and two deputy sheriffs at a total cost of \$87,463 in fiscal year 2013 and \$93,243 in fiscal year 2014.

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

Date: January 19, 2012

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c: Secretary of Administration