

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB5007

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u>  </u>	Substitute	<u>  </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>  </u>	In Committee	<u>  </u>	Substitute	<u>  </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Loupassi

**3. Committee:** Referral Pending

**4. Title:** Authorization to fill and fund certain judgeships

**5. Summary:** Authorize the filling of certain judgeships and appropriating funds to pay for such judgeships during the two years ending on June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016, respectively.

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The 2014 Special Session I, Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 2, Item 468.L sets aside \$8,917,707 in FY15 and \$10,118,726 in FY16 to fund vacant and new judgeships. This legislation is similar to the language in Item 468.L of Chapter 2 but also provides that if the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may appoint judges in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution of Virginia or circuit courts may appoint judges in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

Further, this legislation contains an emergency clause making it effective upon passage and an enactment clause that states the provisions of this legislation are only effective if the provisions of Item 468.L of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2014, Special Session I, are held to be ineffective by a court of competent jurisdiction.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), this legislation does not required additional appropriation up and above what is already appropriated in Chapter 2.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** Similar to HB5005

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