

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB209

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.

5. Summary: Increases from 11 to 12 the maximum number of authorized general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district. The Committee on District Courts recommended the additional judgeship in 2018.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed bill would increase the authorized number of general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district from 11 judges to 12 judges. Increasing the number of authorized judgeships would not create a fiscal impact on the courts.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court ("OES"), the cost for a district court judgeship is \$261,303 and the cost for a district court clerk position is \$62,134 for a total of \$323,437. If the judgeship proposed by this bill is filled during or after the 2020 General Assembly session, there is sufficient funding included in the Governor's introduced budget to cover costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None