

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2505

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Albo

3. Committee House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title Number of district court judges.

5. Summary/Purpose: Increases the number of general district court judges by one in each of the following districts: 2nd (Virginia Beach); 11th (Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Powhatan, Amelia, Nottoway); 26th (Harrisonburg, Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham) and increases the number of juvenile and domestic relations district court judges by one in each of the following districts: 1st (Chesapeake); 28th (Bristol, Smyth, Washington). This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	\$1,184,315	5	GF
2007-08	\$1,182,315	5	GF
2008-09	\$1,182,315	5	GF
2009-10	\$1,182,315	5	GF
2010-11	\$1,182,315	5	GF
2011-12	\$1,182,315	5	GF
2012-13	\$1,182,315	5	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Items 33 and 59

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Supreme Court, this legislation will result in a fiscal impact of \$1,054,065 per fiscal year. Included in the \$1,054,065 is the salary and associated benefits for three general district court judges and two juvenile and domestic relations court judges. It also includes costs for clerk time, substitute judges and equipment. The salary and related benefits for one additional district court or juvenile and domestic relations court judge is \$210,813 annually.

According to the Compensation Board, this legislation will also require \$130,250 in salary and benefits for court security personnel which equates to one deputy for each new judgeship created. 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: District Courts, Compensation Board

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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