

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB275

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: Sullivan Jr.

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Increases maximum number of judges in nineteenth 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. Item 42 of the Introduced Budget (HB30/SB30) provides appropriation to support this legislation.

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. The introduced budget (HB30/SB29) provides \$323,437 in appropriation to support the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None