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Senate Bill 824 (as introduced 12-2-97)  
Sponsor: Senator Philip E. Hoffman  
Committee: Judiciary

Date Completed: 2-17-98

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to provide that, effective January 1, 1999, Jackson County would have only one probate court judge. Jackson County currently is authorized to have two probate judges.

MCL 600.803

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would result in savings to the State and the County of Jackson. The State currently pays \$119,582 in salary and fringe benefits for each full-time probate judge. The county also would realize savings from reduced support staff costs and amounts that are allocated for health insurance for judges at the local level.

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