

Fiscal Analysis

RETAIN 63 CIRCUIT JUDGES IN WAYNE COUNTY



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 5271 as introduced**, Rep. Edward J. Gaffney

House Committee

Analysis

Summary

Under the Revised Judicature Act, the number of circuit court judgeships in Wayne County is to be reduced from 63 to 61 by January 1, 2005. The bill would amend the act to retain 63 circuit judgeships in Wayne County.

Fiscal Impact

The annual cost to the state of each circuit court judgeship is approximately \$157,736 (\$139,919 for judicial salary and standardization payment, \$7,423 for FICA, \$600 for travel, and \$9,794 for retirement contribution for judges enrolled in the defined benefit retirement plan). Local expenses attendant on retaining the judgeships would be dependant on costs of staffing, support services, office space, and supplies.

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