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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2002 Amendment to: _____

Requested by: Legislative Council Date of Receipt: 12/30/88

Please estimate the fiscal impact of the above measure for:

State general or special funds Counties Cities

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of this measure:

Narrative:

Senate Bill 2002 is the appropriation bill for the Judicial Branch of government. Sections 4 and 5 of the bill amend Section 27-02-02 and Section 27-05-03, NDCC, and thereby provide salary increases for the Supreme and District Court Judges of approximately 17%. Presently, the North Dakota Supreme and District Court Judges rank 47th in the nation with only South Dakota, West Virginia, and Montana ranking lower. Those states are asking their legislatures for percentage increases of 17%, 40%, and 20% respectively. In Minnesota, our neighboring state, an effort will be made to increase the trial judges' salaries 10% to a salary of \$74,000. The current salary of Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justices is \$73,981 which if increased a like amount would be approximately \$81,379. Funds have been included in Section 2 of the bill to provide for the proposed salary increases in North Dakota.

As County Judges' salaries are, as a minimum, 85% of District Judges' salaries, there will be an increased cost to the counties for the biennium pursuant to Section 27-07.1-04, NDCC.

The added costs to the counties arising out of increased salaries to state's attorneys will vary pursuant to the provisions contained in Section 11-10-10, Subsection 7, NDCC.

State Fiscal Effect:

<u>1989-90</u>		<u>1990-91</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>
\$468,000		\$468,000		\$936,000	

County and City Fiscal Effect:

<u>1989-90</u>		<u>1990-91</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>
\$252,450		\$252,450		\$504,900	

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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