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FISCAL NOTE

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2026 Amendment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 12/07/90

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:

This bill provides that on January 1, 1995, all county court judges would become interim district court judges or newly-elected district court judges. Therefore, the passage of this bill would not have any fiscal impact on either the state general fund or on the counties or cities for the 1991/93 biennium. The fiscal impact on the passage of this bill would begin in the 1993/95 biennium.

For that biennium, six new district court judgeships are provided for. Estimated costs to the state general fund for judicial consolidation will be subject to at least partial offset from potentially increased revenues. Under the bill, 80% of the court revenues would accrue to the state with the conversion of interim district court judges to district judges in exchange for the state assumption of those costs now incurred by the counties in providing county court services. This would also occur after January 1, 1995. Should no interim district judges become a district judge, the maximum impact to the general fund would be \$488,852. Likewise in both the 1995/97 and the 1997/99 bienniums, the interim district court judge conversion to a district court judgeship would have impact on cost to the general fund. The estimated maximum cost to the general fund for the 1995/97 biennium is \$2,604,934 and the estimated maximum cost for the 1997/99 biennium is \$4,640,042. Any amendments offered by the Court Consolidation Coordinating Committee of the Judicial Conference to the above formula could increase or decrease the above estimates.

State Fiscal Effect:

<u>1991-92</u>		<u>1992-93</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>
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County and City Fiscal Effect:

<u>1991-92</u>		<u>1992-93</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>
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If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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