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FISCAL NOTE

Bill/Resolution No.: H. B. No. 1516 Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1/24/91

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:

The passage of H. B. 1516, in conjunction with the companion bill, H. B. No. 1517, would abolish the county courts while providing for additional district court judgeships on January 2, 1995. Because of the delayed effective date, the first fiscal impact of the passage of these two bills would occur in the last six months of the 1993/95 biennium and continue in the 1995/97 and 1997/99 bienniums. House Bill No. 1516, however, provides a means by which the filling of a district court vacancy would be determined by the Supreme Court beginning with the 1991/93 biennium, but the extent to which District Court judgeships would not be filled during that period is not known at this time, therefore, a definite fiscal impact (savings) cannot be calculated.

The full fiscal impact of the passage of this bill (in conjunction with H. B. 1517) would begin January 2, 1995, when the state general fund would underwrite the costs of the additional District Court judgeships with comparable savings to county government. Additional general fund costs are computed on the basis of 26 additional district judgeships at a rate of \$463,940 (including all support services) per biennium and would total \$3,015,610 in the 1993/95 biennium (6 months), and \$12,062,440 in the 1995/97 biennium (24 months) and \$12,062,440 in the 1997/99 biennium (24 months).

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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