

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2002 - Summary of Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Supreme Court			
Total all funds	\$24,019,251	\$2,044,739	\$26,063,990
Less estimated income	97,793	(53,664)	44,129
General fund	<u>\$23,921,458</u>	<u>\$2,098,403</u>	<u>\$26,019,861</u>
FTE	45.50	(1.00)	44.50
District Courts			
Total all funds	\$104,278,299	\$18,870,133	\$123,148,432
Less estimated income	830,318	(11,320)	818,998
General fund	<u>\$103,447,981</u>	<u>\$18,881,453</u>	<u>\$122,329,434</u>
FTE	334.00	7.00	341.00
Judicial Conduct Commission			
Total all funds	\$1,399,862	\$155,643	\$1,555,505
Less estimated income	512,317	(2,779)	509,538
General fund	<u>\$887,545</u>	<u>\$158,422</u>	<u>\$1,045,967</u>
FTE	4.50	0.00	4.50
Guardianship and Conservatorship			
Total all funds	\$0	\$936,405	\$936,405
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$936,405</u>	<u>\$936,405</u>
FTE	0.00	6.00	6.00
Bill total			
Total all funds	\$129,697,412	\$22,006,920	\$151,704,332
Less estimated income	1,440,428	(67,763)	1,372,665
General fund	<u>\$128,256,984</u>	<u>\$22,074,683</u>	<u>\$150,331,667</u>
FTE	384.00	12.00	396.00

Senate Bill No. 2002 - Supreme Court - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$12,363,778	\$1,055,927	\$13,419,705
New and vacant FTE pool	8,740,214	(68,714)	8,671,500
Operating expenses	2,915,259	191,426	3,106,685
Capital assets		866,100	866,100
Total all funds	\$24,019,251	\$2,044,739	\$26,063,990
Less estimated income	97,793	(53,664)	44,129
General fund	<u>\$23,921,458</u>	<u>\$2,098,403</u>	<u>\$26,019,861</u>
FTE	45.50	(1.00)	44.50

Department 181 - Supreme Court - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Adjusts Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool ³	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool ⁴	Adds FTE Positions ⁵	Transfers Funding for Guardianship Monitoring ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$823,923	\$963,458	\$1,257,725	(\$1,619,591)	\$293,625	(\$663,213)
New and vacant FTE pool			(8,740,214)	8,671,500		
Operating expenses						(67,265)
Capital assets						
Total all funds	\$823,923	\$963,458	(\$7,482,489)	\$7,051,909	\$293,625	(\$730,478)
Less estimated income	0	0	(97,793)	44,129	0	0
General fund	\$823,923	\$963,458	(\$7,384,696)	\$7,007,780	\$293,625	(\$730,478)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	(2.00)

	Adjusts Operating Funding ⁷	Adds One-Time Funding for Cloud-Based Storage ⁸	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages			\$1,055,927
New and vacant FTE pool			(68,714)
Operating expenses	\$258,691		191,426
Capital assets		\$866,100	866,100
Total all funds	\$258,691	\$866,100	\$2,044,739
Less estimated income	0	0	(53,664)
General fund	\$258,691	\$866,100	\$2,098,403
FTE	0.00	0.00	(1.00)

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

	General Fund
Salary increase	\$474,983
Health insurance increase	288,256
Supreme Court justices' salaries increase of 8.5 percent and chief justice salary increase of 9 percent	200,219
Total	\$963,458

The salaries of Supreme Court justices and district court judges are not adjusted for 3 percent annual increases.

³ Funding is adjusted to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding.

⁴ Funding of \$1,619,591 for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed from the Supreme Court salaries and wages line item and funding of \$8,671,500 is added for a judicial branch 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	(\$293,625)	\$0	(\$293,625)
Vacant FTE positions	(1,325,966)	0	(1,325,966)
Total	(\$1,619,591)	\$0	(\$1,619,591)
Funding pool line item	1,192,439	0	1,192,439
Supreme Court net savings	(\$427,152)	\$0	(\$427,152)
Funding pool line item from district courts, Judicial Conduct Commission, and Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship	7,434,932	44,129	7,479,061
Net impact on Supreme Court	\$7,007,780	\$44,129	\$7,051,909

⁵ Funding of \$293,625 from the general fund is added for 1 new FTE staff attorney position.

⁶ Funding and FTE positions for guardianship monitoring are transferred from the Supreme Court to the newly created Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship division of the judicial branch.

⁷ Operating funding is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund
IT system maintenance and enhancements	\$120,700
Law library reference materials subscription	73,882
Rural attorney recruitment and retention	36,000
Various operating adjustments	<u>28,109</u>
Total	\$258,691

⁸ One-time funding of \$866,100 from the general fund is added for cloud-based storage fees.

Senate Bill No. 2002 - District Courts - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$79,576,340	\$11,134,861	\$90,711,201
Operating expenses	24,524,619	3,006,722	27,531,341
Capital assets		4,742,216	4,742,216
Judges' retirement	<u>177,340</u>	<u>(13,666)</u>	<u>163,674</u>
Total all funds	\$104,278,299	\$18,870,133	\$123,148,432
Less estimated income	<u>830,318</u>	<u>(11,320)</u>	<u>818,998</u>
General fund	\$103,447,981	\$18,881,453	\$122,329,434
FTE	334.00	7.00	341.00

Department 182 - District Courts - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases²	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool³	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool⁴	Adds FTE Positions⁵	Reduces Funding for Judges' Retirement⁶
Salaries and wages	\$2,469,136	\$6,182,309	\$9,881,863	(\$8,880,203)	\$1,481,756	
Operating expenses						
Capital assets						
Judges' retirement						(\$13,666)
Total all funds	\$2,469,136	\$6,182,309	\$9,881,863	(\$8,880,203)	\$1,481,756	(\$13,666)
Less estimated income	<u>(76,436)</u>	<u>23,218</u>	<u>91,024</u>	<u>(29,657)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
General fund	\$2,545,572	\$6,159,091	\$9,790,839	(\$8,850,546)	\$1,481,756	(\$13,666)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.00

	Adjusts Operating Funding⁷	Adds One-Time Funding⁸	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages			\$11,134,861
Operating expenses	\$3,006,722		3,006,722
Capital assets		\$4,742,216	4,742,216
Judges' retirement			<u>(13,666)</u>
Total all funds	\$3,006,722	\$4,742,216	\$18,870,133
Less estimated income	<u>(19,469)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(11,320)</u>
General fund	\$3,026,191	\$4,742,216	\$18,881,453
FTE	0.00	0.00	7.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

	General Fund	Federal Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$2,478,324	\$14,210	\$2,492,534
Health insurance increase	2,038,794	9,008	2,047,802
District court judges' salaries increase of 7 percent	<u>1,641,973</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,641,973</u>
Total	\$6,159,091	\$23,218	\$6,182,309

The salaries of Supreme Court justices and district court judges are not adjusted for 3 percent annual increases.

³ Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Vacant FTE positions	\$3,999,004	\$63,662	\$4,062,666
New FTE positions	<u>5,791,835</u>	<u>27,362</u>	<u>5,819,197</u>
Total	\$9,790,839	\$91,024	\$9,881,863

⁴ Funding of \$8,880,203 is removed, including \$1,481,756 for new FTE positions and \$7,398,447 for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions, and \$6,512,493 is added to the Supreme Court new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$2,367,710.

⁵ The following FTE positions and related funding are added:

	FTE Positions	General Fund
Administrative assistant	1.00	\$170,025
Deputy court administrator	1.00	272,529
Programmer analyst	2.00	421,496
Network analyst	2.00	421,496
Technology coordinator	<u>1.00</u>	<u>196,210</u>
Total	7.00	\$1,481,756

⁶ Funding is reduced by \$13,666 from the general fund to provide a total of \$163,674 for judges' retirement.

⁷ Operating funding is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
IT system maintenance and enhancements	\$1,938,479		\$1,938,479
Credit card processing and bank fees	200,000		200,000
Interpreters	60,000		60,000
County clerk of court contract	189,428		189,428
Guardian ad litem program	470,000		470,000
Various operating adjustments	<u>168,284</u>	<u>(\$19,469)</u>	<u>148,815</u>
Total	\$3,026,191	(\$19,469)	\$3,006,722

⁸ One-time funding is added as follows:

	General Fund
IT equipment lease	\$874,216
Case management system cloud migration	758,000
Clerk filing software	1,250,000
Court records management system	960,000
Courtroom audio and video systems	800,000
Cass County courtroom equipment	<u>100,000</u>
Total	\$4,742,216

Senate Bill No. 2002 - Judicial Conduct Commission - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Judicial Conduct Commission	\$1,399,862	\$155,643	\$1,555,505
Total all funds	\$1,399,862	\$155,643	\$1,555,505
Less estimated income	512,317	(2,779)	509,538
General fund	\$887,545	\$158,422	\$1,045,967
FTE	4.50	0.00	4.50

Department 183 - Judicial Conduct Commission - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases²	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool³	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool⁴	Adds funding for Operating Costs⁵	Total Senate Changes
Judicial Conduct Commission	\$82,917	\$79,634	\$80,030	(\$102,716)	\$15,778	\$155,643
Total all funds	\$82,917	\$79,634	\$80,030	(\$102,716)	\$15,778	\$155,643
Less estimated income	(37,938)	25,880	30,492	(33,384)	12,171	(2,779)
General fund	\$120,855	\$53,754	\$49,538	(\$69,332)	\$3,607	\$158,422
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$33,486	\$16,121	\$49,607
Health insurance increase	20,268	9,759	30,027
Total	\$53,754	\$25,880	\$79,634

³ Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool funding.

⁴ Funding of \$102,716 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$71,902 is added to the Supreme Court new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$30,814.

⁵ Funding is added for increases in miscellaneous operating expenses.

Senate Bill No. 2002 - Guardianship and Conservatorship - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Guardianship and conservatorship		\$936,405	\$936,405
Total all funds	\$0	\$936,405	\$936,405
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$936,405	\$936,405
FTE	0.00	6.00	6.00

Department 184 - Guardianship and Conservatorship - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Guardianship and Conservatorship ¹	Transfers Funding for Guardianship Monitoring ²	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool ³	Total Senate Changes
Guardianship and conservatorship	\$1,200,000	\$730,478	(\$994,073)	\$936,405
Total all funds	\$1,200,000	\$730,478	(\$994,073)	\$936,405
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$1,200,000	\$730,478	(\$994,073)	\$936,405
FTE	4.00	2.00	0.00	6.00

¹ Funding of \$1.2 million from the general fund 4 new FTE positions are added for the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship.

² Funding and FTE positions for guardianship monitoring are transferred from the Supreme Court to the newly created Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship division of the judicial branch.

³ Funding of \$994,073 is removed for new 2025-27 FTE positions and \$894,666 is added to the Supreme Court new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$99,407.

Senate Bill No. 2002 - Other Changes - Senate Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to provide language regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Includes a section to appropriate to the judicial branch all funds received pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations.
- Includes a section to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to transfer appropriation authority between line items for the judicial branch as requested by the Supreme Court.
- Adds a section to provide the statutory changes to increase Supreme Court justices' salaries by 8.5 percent on July 1, 2025 and to increase the salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by 9 percent on July 1, 2025.
- Adds a section to provide the statutory changes to increase district court judges' salaries by 7 percent on July 1, 2025.