

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE BILL NO. 2252
LC# 23.0836.01000
01/16/2023

1 - State Fiscal Effect

Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2021-2023 Biennium		2023-2025 Biennium		2025-2027 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$132,600		\$265,200	
Appropriations						

2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2021-2023 Biennium	2023-2025 Biennium	2025-2027 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary

Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

This bill abolishes the position of judicial referee and replaces the positions with a district judge. The referee positions are abolished at the earliest as the date the position becomes vacant after the effective date of this Act or January 1, 2029.

4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.

Section 5 of the bill provides for the 5 referee positions to be replaced with judgeships. The replacement will take place as the positions become vacant or no later than January 1, 2029.

5 - Revenues Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

N/A

6 - Expenditures Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

The cost for salaries and benefits of a judge is approximately \$132,600 more per biennium than a referee. The fiscal impact will depend on when the referee positions become vacant. The total cost to convert all five positions would be \$663,000 per biennium. For this fiscal note it is estimated that one referee position would be vacated in the 2023-25 biennium and two would be vacated in 2025-27.

7 - Appropriations Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

No appropriation is included for this bill.

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