

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - Summary of House Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>House Version</b>
Supreme Court				
Total all funds	\$24,019,251	\$26,063,990	(\$161,752)	\$25,902,238
Less estimated income	97,793	44,129	0	44,129
General fund	<u>\$23,921,458</u>	<u>\$26,019,861</u>	<u>(\$161,752)</u>	<u>\$25,858,109</u>
FTE	45.50	44.50	0.50	45.00
District Courts				
Total all funds	\$104,278,299	\$123,148,432	\$3,648,284	\$126,796,716
Less estimated income	830,318	818,998	4,654,700	5,473,698
General fund	<u>\$103,447,981</u>	<u>\$122,329,434</u>	<u>(\$1,006,416)</u>	<u>\$121,323,018</u>
FTE	334.00	341.00	1.50	342.50
Judicial Conduct Commission				
Total all funds	\$1,399,862	\$1,555,505	\$36,342	\$1,591,847
Less estimated income	512,317	509,538	10,639	520,177
General fund	<u>\$887,545</u>	<u>\$1,045,967</u>	<u>\$25,703</u>	<u>\$1,071,670</u>
FTE	4.50	4.50	0.00	4.50
Guardianship and Conservatorship				
Total all funds	\$0	\$936,405	(\$205,927)	\$730,478
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$936,405</u>	<u>(\$205,927)</u>	<u>\$730,478</u>
FTE	0.00	6.00	(4.00)	2.00
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$129,697,412	\$151,704,332	\$3,316,947	\$155,021,279
Less estimated income	1,440,428	1,372,665	4,665,339	6,038,004
General fund	<u>\$128,256,984</u>	<u>\$150,331,667</u>	<u>(\$1,348,392)</u>	<u>\$148,983,275</u>
FTE	384.00	396.00	(2.00)	394.00

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - Supreme Court - House Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>House Version</b>
Salaries and wages	\$12,363,778	\$13,419,705	\$432,156	\$13,851,861
New and vacant FTE pool	8,740,214	8,671,500	(622,016)	8,049,484
Operating expenses	2,915,259	3,106,685	28,108	3,134,793
Capital assets		866,100		866,100
Total all funds	\$24,019,251	\$26,063,990	(\$161,752)	\$25,902,238
Less estimated income	97,793	44,129	0	44,129
General fund	<u>\$23,921,458</u>	<u>\$26,019,861</u>	<u>(\$161,752)</u>	<u>\$25,858,109</u>
FTE	45.50	44.50	0.50	45.00

**Department 181 - Supreme Court - Detail of House Changes**

	Increases Funding for Salary Equity <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Administrative Assistant Position <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Increases Funding for Operating Costs <sup>4</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$423,170	\$74,147	(\$65,161)		\$432,156
New and vacant FTE pool			(622,016)		(622,016)
Operating expenses				\$28,108	28,108
Capital assets					
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$423,170</b>	<b>\$74,147</b>	<b>(\$687,177)</b>	<b>\$28,108</b>	<b>(\$161,752)</b>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$423,170	\$74,147	(\$687,177)	\$28,108	(\$161,752)
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.50</b>

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added as follows for Supreme Court salary equity:

	Senate Version	House Changes	Total General Fund
Supreme Court justices salaries increase of 11.1 percent and chief justice salary increase of 12.1 percent	\$200,219	\$63,386	\$263,605
Pay plan 3 percent salary adjustment	0	359,784	359,784
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,219</b>	<b>\$423,170</b>	<b>\$623,389</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$74,147 is added by the House to increase a part-time administrative assistant position to a full-time position.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$65,161 for an increased administrative assistant position is removed from the Supreme Court salaries and wages line item and funding of \$622,016 is removed for the judicial branch 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	General Fund
New FTE positions	(\$65,161)
Funding pool line item	58,645
Supreme Court net savings	(\$6,516)
Funding pool line item from district courts	214,005
Guardianship and conservatorship funding pool line item adjustment	(894,666)
<b>Net impact on Supreme Court</b>	<b>(\$687,177)</b>

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$28,108 from the general fund is added by the House to provide a total of \$56,217 for increased miscellaneous operating costs.

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - District Courts - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$79,576,340	\$90,711,201	\$2,100,431	\$92,811,632
Operating expenses	24,524,619	27,531,341	761,153	28,292,494
Capital assets		4,742,216	786,700	5,528,916
Judges' retirement	177,340	163,674		163,674
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$104,278,299</b>	<b>\$123,148,432</b>	<b>\$3,648,284</b>	<b>\$126,796,716</b>
Less estimated income	830,318	818,998	4,654,700	5,473,698
General fund	\$103,447,981	\$122,329,434	(\$1,006,416)	\$121,323,018
<b>FTE</b>	<b>334.00</b>	<b>341.00</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>342.50</b>

**Department 182 - District Courts - Detail of House Changes**

	Increases Funding for Salary Equity <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Juvenile Court Positions <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for Treatment Courts <sup>4</sup>	Adjusts Operating Funding <sup>5</sup>	Adjusts One-Time Funding <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$1,819,586	\$258,852	(\$237,783)	\$259,776		
Operating expenses				113,700	\$647,453	
Capital assets						\$786,700
Judges' retirement						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$1,819,586</b>	<b>\$258,852</b>	<b>(\$237,783)</b>	<b>\$373,476</b>	<b>\$647,453</b>	<b>\$786,700</b>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	4,654,700
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$1,819,586</b>	<b>\$258,852</b>	<b>(\$237,783)</b>	<b>\$373,476</b>	<b>\$647,453</b>	<b>(\$3,868,000)</b>
FTE	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	<b>Total House Changes</b>
Salaries and wages	\$2,100,431
Operating expenses	761,153
Capital assets	786,700
Judges' retirement	
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$3,648,284</b>
Less estimated income	4,654,700
<b>General fund</b>	<b>(\$1,006,416)</b>
FTE	1.50

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added as follows for district courts salary equity:

	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>Total General Fund</b>
District court judges salaries increase of 7.7 percent	\$1,641,973	\$173,290	\$1,815,263
Pay plan 3 percent salary adjustment	0	1,646,296	1,646,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,641,973</b>	<b>\$1,819,586</b>	<b>\$3,461,559</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$258,852 from the general fund is added by the House for 1 new FTE administrative assistant position and to increase a part-time administrative assistant position to a full-time position.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$237,783 from the general fund added by the Senate for new FTE position salaries and wages is removed and \$214,005 is added to the Supreme Court new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in a net savings of \$23,778.

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$373,476 from the general fund is added for three new treatment courts. The Senate did not include funding for new treatment courts.

<sup>5</sup> Operating funding is adjusted as follows:

	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>Total General Fund</b>
Credit card processing and bank fees	\$200,000	(\$200,000)	\$0
Interpreters	60,000	65,500	125,500
Family mediation program	0	138,200	138,200
Guardian ad litem program	470,000	465,768	935,768
Miscellaneous operating adjustments	168,284	177,985	346,269
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$898,284</b>	<b>\$647,453</b>	<b>\$1,545,737</b>

<sup>6</sup> One-time funding is increased by \$786,700 to provide a total of \$1,586,700 for courtroom audio and video equipment. The House is providing \$4,654,700 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for one-time funding items, including a case management system, clerk filing software, court records access system, courtroom audio and video equipment, and Cass County courtroom equipment. The Senate provided \$3,868,000 from the general fund for these items.

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

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>House Version</b>
Judicial Conduct Commission	\$1,399,862	\$1,555,505	\$36,342	\$1,591,847
Total all funds	\$1,399,862	\$1,555,505	\$36,342	\$1,591,847
Less estimated income	512,317	509,538	10,639	520,177
General fund	\$887,545	\$1,045,967	\$25,703	\$1,071,670
FTE	4.50	4.50	0.00	4.50

**Department 183 - Judicial Conduct Commission - Detail of House Changes**

	<b>Adds Funding for Salary Equity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Adds funding for Operating Costs<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total House Changes</b>
Judicial Conduct Commission	\$32,736	\$3,606	\$36,342
Total all funds	\$32,736	\$3,606	\$36,342
Less estimated income	10,639	0	10,639
General fund	\$22,097	\$3,606	\$25,703
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$32,736, including \$22,097 from the general fund and \$10,639 from other funds, is added for a pay plan adjustment of 3 percent. The Senate did not include additional funding for a pay plan adjustment.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$3,606 from the general fund is added by the House to provide a total increase of \$19,384 for miscellaneous operating costs, including \$7,213 from the general fund and \$12,171 from other funds.

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

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>House Version</b>
Guardianship and conservatorship		\$936,405	(\$205,927)	\$730,478
Total all funds	\$0	\$936,405	(\$205,927)	\$730,478
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$936,405	(\$205,927)	\$730,478
FTE	0.00	6.00	(4.00)	2.00

**Department 184 - Guardianship and Conservatorship - Detail of House Changes**

	<b>Transfers Positions to Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total House Changes</b>
Guardianship and conservatorship	(\$205,927)	(\$205,927)
Total all funds	(\$205,927)	(\$205,927)
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	(\$205,927)	(\$205,927)
FTE	(4.00)	(4.00)

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$205,927 added by the Senate for operating costs relating to 4 new FTE guardianship and conservatorship positions is removed by the House. The House amendment provides for the transfer of the 4 new FTE positions and related salaries and operating costs to a newly created Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship separate from the judicial branch. The reduction for related salaries and wages is from the new and vacant FTE pool line item under the Supreme Court.

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - Other Changes - House Action**

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to identify \$4,654,700 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for various one-time appropriations.
- Amends sections relating to the salaries of Supreme Court justices and district court judges.
- Adds a section to authorize the judicial branch to charge a fee as a service charge for the acceptance of a payment made by a credit or debit card.