

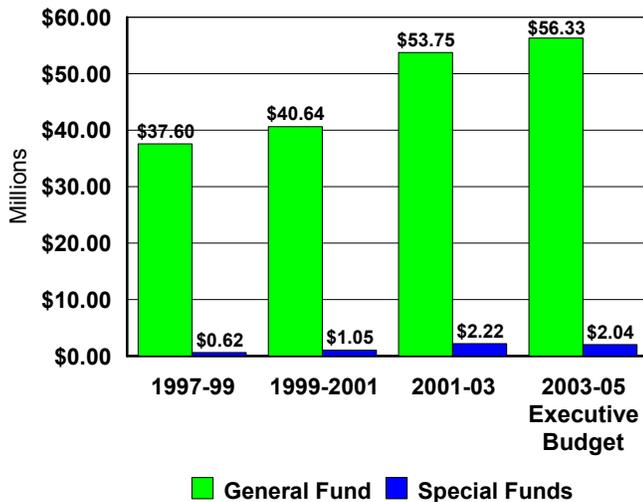
**Department 180 - Judicial Branch  
 House Bill No. 1002**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 Executive Budget	336.00	\$56,327,658	\$2,046,235	\$58,373,893
2001-03 Legislative Appropriations	336.00	53,753,509 <sup>1</sup>	2,217,821	55,971,330 <sup>2</sup>
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$2,574,149	(\$171,586)	\$2,402,563

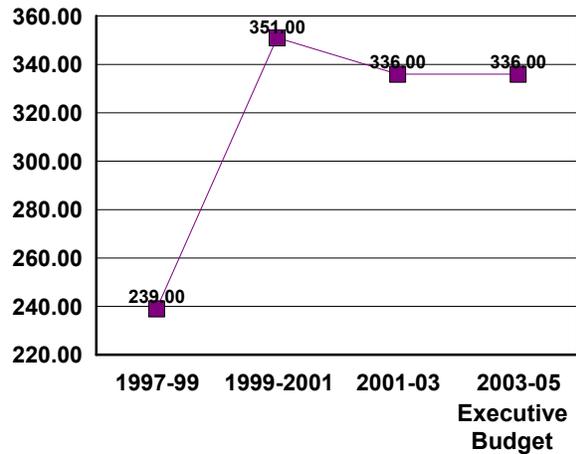
<sup>1</sup> The 2001-03 general fund appropriation is the amount appropriated by the 2001 Legislative Assembly. In July 2002, Governor Hoeven ordered a 1.05 percent budget allotment. Although the judicial branch is not subject to the allotment, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-12, the agency plans to turn back 1.05 percent of their 2001-03 general fund appropriation, which would be \$564,412.

<sup>2</sup> The 2001-03 appropriation amounts do not include \$350,000 of additional general fund carryover from the 1999-2001 biennium.

**Agency Funding**



**FTE Positions**



**Executive Budget Highlights**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides for the following Supreme Court changes:			
a. Provides funding for a 3 percent salary increase for the Supreme Court justices for the first year of the biennium and a 2 percent increase for the second year	\$48,606		\$48,606
b. Decreases funding for former judges' retirement	(\$76,781)		(\$76,781)
c. Decreases operating expenses primarily in the area of office equipment and furniture (\$74,000)	(\$30,348)		(\$30,348)
d. Provides funding to continue employee salary increases given during the 2001-03 biennium pursuant to judicial branch salary schedule	\$108,860		\$108,860
2. Provides for the following district court changes:			
a. Provides funding for a 3 percent salary increase for the district court judges for the first and second years of the biennium	\$461,764		\$461,764
b. Decreases operating expenses primarily in the areas of travel (\$94,435), information technology software/supplies (\$72,903), information technology contractual services (\$217,223), office equipment and furniture (\$158,340), and information technology equipment (\$361,514). Some increases in operating expenses include contract payments to counties for clerk services (\$225,199),	(\$120,220)	(\$213,599)	(\$333,819)

a 5 percent increase for indigent defense attorneys (\$220,626), and information technology data processing (\$145,989)

c. Increases funding for former judges' retirement	\$40,563		\$40,563
d. Increases funding for drug courts and tracking services	\$67,382	\$21,512	\$88,894
e. Provides funding for a new copy machine in each of the seven districts	\$74,500		\$74,500
f. Provides funding for a new telephone system in the northwest district	\$35,000		\$35,000
g. Provides funding to continue employee salary increases given during the 2001-03 biennium pursuant to the judicial branch salary schedule	\$1,137,316	\$32,263	\$1,169,579

3. No significant changes for the Judicial Conduct Commission and Disciplinary Board.

### Major Related Legislation

**House Bill No. 1044** - This bill transfers the responsibility for contracting for the legal services of indigents from the judicial branch to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

**House Bill No. 1045** - This bill transfers the costs relating to indigent defense costs for mental illness commitment proceedings, civil commitment of sexual predators, and guardian ad litem services from counties to the state.

**House Bill No. 1088** - This bill provides a continuing appropriation to the district court from a \$10 increase in civil case filing fees for the establishment of a court facilities improvement and maintenance fund.

**Senate Bill No. 2044** - This bill requires the court, when ordering restitution in insufficient funds cases, to impose a fee of the greater of \$10 or 25 percent of the amount of restitution ordered to be used to offset operating costs of the state's attorney and clerk of district court.