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SSB 3145
Judiciary

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BY (PROPOSED JUDICIAL BRANCH
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reorganizing judicial districts and judicial
2 election districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 602.6107, Code 2001, is amended by
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 602.6107 REORGANIZATION OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

5 1. The supreme court may from time to time review the
6 division of the state into judicial districts in order to
7 determine whether the composition of the judicial districts is
8 the most efficient and effective administration of the
9 district court and the judicial branch.

10 2. If the supreme court determines that the administration
11 of the district court and the judicial branch would be made
12 more efficient and effective by reorganizing the judicial
13 districts, the supreme court shall develop and submit to the
14 general assembly by January 15 a plan which reorganizes the
15 judicial districts. The plan shall take effect, by order of
16 the supreme court, on July 1 following submission of the plan,
17 unless the general assembly enacts legislation, which is
18 approved by the governor, reorganizing the judicial districts.

19 3. The composition of the judicial districts in section
20 602.6107, Code 2001, and judicial election districts in
21 section 602.6109, Code 2001, shall remain in effect until the
22 division of the state into judicial districts and judicial
23 election districts is modified pursuant to this section.

24 Sec. 2. Section 602.6109, Code 2001, is amended by
25 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
26 following:

27 602.6109 JUDICIAL ELECTION DISTRICTS AND JUDGESHIPS.

28 1. The reorganized judicial districts established pursuant
29 to section 602.6107 shall serve as judicial election districts
30 for purposes of nomination, appointment, and retention of
31 judges of the district court.

32 2. If the judicial districts are reorganized under section
33 602.6107, the state court administrator shall reapportion the
34 number of judgeships to which each judicial election district
35 is entitled. The reapportionment shall be determined

1 according to section 602.6201, subsection 3.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill relates to reorganizing judicial districts and
4 judicial election districts.

5 The bill provides that the supreme court may from time to
6 time review the division of the state into judicial districts
7 in order to determine whether the current composition of the
8 judicial districts is the most efficient and effective
9 administration of the district court and the judicial branch.
10 The bill provides that the supreme court shall submit a plan
11 reorganizing the judicial districts to the general assembly by
12 January 15 of any year the court desires to reorganize the
13 districts. The plan contained in the bill shall take effect,
14 as ordered by the supreme court, on July 1 following
15 submission of the plan, unless the general assembly enacts
16 legislation, which is approved by the governor, reorganizing
17 the judicial districts.

18 The bill provides that the current composition of the
19 judicial districts in Code section 602.6107 and judicial
20 election districts in Code section 602.6109 shall remain in
21 effect until the composition of the judicial districts and
22 judicial election districts is modified using the procedure
23 outlined in this bill.

24 The bill provides that each reorganized judicial district
25 shall be comprised of one judicial election district. Under
26 current law some judicial districts are comprised of more than
27 one judicial election district.

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SSB 3145

To: Members of the General Assembly
From: Iowa Judicial branch
Re: Organization of Judicial Districts

This bill would provide the Supreme Court with authority to reorganize the judicial districts by court order. Under the bill, if the Court determines that a change in the structure of the districts is needed for the efficient and effective administration of the districts and the Judicial Branch, the Court must submit a plan to the Legislature. The plan would take effect the following July 1, by court order, unless the Legislature would approve a bill, which is approved by the governor, reorganizing the judicial districts.

The Legislature is currently charged with the power to change the districts, but it has not done so for thirty years. With the passage of time, some of the factors considered in the establishment of the district boundaries and the number of districts have changed in ways that detract from the continuing utility of the existing structure. The various considerations that might support or oppose any changes in district boundaries ought to be evaluated through some established procedure at regular intervals.

The Legislature has little incentive to regularly examine the structure of the judicial districts and to initiate change because it is not directly responsible for the day-to-day operation of the court system. The Court, on the other hand, is directly responsible for overseeing the administration of justice and ensuring that the state's judicial resources are equitably and effectively allocated. Providing the Court with the authority to restructure the judicial districts would enable the Court to better respond to the demands upon the court system.

Changing the structure of the judicial districts would not require a change in the operation or number of the clerk of court offices as some groups are asserting. The structure of the districts could be altered with no affect on the clerks except for the possibility that some clerks would answer to a different chief judge and work with a different court administrator.

Modifying the structure of the districts could potentially affect the assignment and travel of some judges. Changing the existing structure of the districts would help shift judicial resources to areas where they are most needed. Preliminary results of a recent study by the National Center for State Courts indicate that Iowa has enough judges; however, some districts have more judges than they need, and some have less than they need. By redrawing the district lines, the Court can correct that imbalance.

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SENATE FILE

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3145)

Passed Senate, Date ^(P.569) 3-11-02 Passed House, Date _____
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14 general assembly by January 15 a plan which reorganizes the
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16 the supreme court, on July 1 following submission of the plan,
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18 approved by the governor, reorganizing the judicial districts.

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22 division of the state into judicial districts and judicial
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26 following:

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29 to section 602.6107 shall serve as judicial election districts
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2 EXPLANATION

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4 judicial election districts.

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SENATE FILE 2267**S-5141**

1 Amend Senate File 2267 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the words "may
3 from time to time" and inserting the following:
4 "shall, beginning in the year 2002 and at least every
5 ten years thereafter,".

6 2. Page 1, line 7, by inserting after the word
7 "composition" the following: "or the total number".

8 3. Page 1, line 13, by inserting after the word
9 "districts," the following: "which may include
10 expanding or contracting the total number of judicial
11 districts,".

12 4. Page 1, line 14, by striking the word
13 "January" and inserting the following: "November".

14 5. Page 1, by striking lines 15 through 18 and
15 inserting the following: "judicial districts. The
16 legislative service bureau shall draft a bill
17 embodying the plan for submission by the supreme court
18 to the general assembly. The bill shall take effect
19 upon the general assembly passing legislation which is
20 approved by the governor including an effective date
21 for the reorganization of the judicial districts. The
22 general assembly shall bring the bill to a vote in
23 either the senate or the house of representatives
24 within thirty days of the bill's submission by the
25 supreme court to the general assembly, under a
26 procedure or rule permitting no amendments by either
27 house except those of a purely corrective nature. If
28 both houses pass the bill, the bill shall be presented
29 as any other bill to the governor for approval."

30 6. Page 1, by inserting after line 23 the
31 following:

32 "4. It is the intent of the general assembly that
33 the supreme court prior to developing a plan pursuant
34 to this section consult with and receive input from
35 members of the general public, court employees,
36 judges, members of the general assembly, the eight
37 judicial departments of correctional services, county
38 officers, officials from other interested political
39 subdivisions, and attorneys. In submitting a plan
40 pursuant to this section, the supreme court shall also
41 submit to the general assembly a report stating the
42 reasons for developing the plan and describing in
43 detail the process used in developing the plan."

By O. GENE MADDOX

S-5141 FILED MARCH 11, 2002

ADOPTED

(P. 569) 3-11-02

SENATE FILE 2267**S-5116**

1 Amend Senate File 2267 as follows:
 2 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the words "may
 3 from time to time" and inserting the following:
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 5 ten years thereafter,".
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 11 districts,".
 12 4. Page 1, line 14, by striking the word
 13 "January" and inserting the following: "November".
 14 5. Page 1, line 17, by inserting after the word
 15 "assembly" the following: "amends the plan and".
 16 6. Page 1, by inserting after line 23 the
 17 following:
 18 "4. It is the intent of the general assembly that
 19 the supreme court prior to developing a plan pursuant
 20 to this section consult with and receive input from
 21 members of the public, attorneys, court employees,
 22 judges, members of the general assembly, county
 23 officers, and officials from other interested
 24 political subdivisions. In submitting a plan pursuant
 25 to this section, the supreme court shall also submit
 26 to the general assembly a report stating the reasons
 27 for developing the plan and describing in detail the
 28 process used in developing the plan."

By O. GENE MADDOX

S-5116 FILED MARCH 6, 2002

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W/D 3-11-02 (p. 569)

SENATE FILE 2267

S-5126

1 Amend the amendment, S-5116, to Senate File 2267 as
 2 follows:
 3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 13 the
 4 following:
 5 "____. Page 1, by striking lines 15 and 16 and
 6 inserting the following: "judicial districts. The
 7 plan shall not take effect".
 8 2. Page 1, line 15, by inserting before the word
 9 "amends" the following: "accepts or".

By ANDY McKEAN
 DAVID MILLER

LARRY McKIBBEN
 NANCY BOETTGER

S-5126 FILED MARCH 6, 2002

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 3/11/02 (p. 569)*

SENATE FILE 2267

S-5130

1 Amend the amendment, S-5116, to Senate File 2267 as
2 follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 22, by inserting after the word
4 "assembly," the following: "the eight judicial
5 district departments of correctional services,".
6 2. Page 1, line 28, by inserting after the word
7 "plan." the following: "In addition, the report shall
8 detail the effect of the plan on the judicial district
9 departments of correctional services and other
10 governmental agencies located within the boundaries of
11 each judicial district."

By ROBERT E. DVORSKY

S-5130 FILED MARCH 6, 2002

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3/11/02

(p. 569)

1 Section 1. Section 602.6107, Code 2001, is amended by
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 602.6107 REORGANIZATION OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

5 1. The supreme court shall, beginning in the year 2002 and
6 at least every ten years thereafter, review the division of
7 the state into judicial districts in order to determine
8 whether the composition or the total number of the judicial
9 districts is the most efficient and effective administration
10 of the district court and the judicial branch.

11 2. If the supreme court determines that the administration
12 of the district court and the judicial branch would be made
13 more efficient and effective by reorganizing the judicial
14 districts, which may include expanding or contracting the
15 total number of judicial districts, the supreme court shall
16 develop and submit to the general assembly by November 15 a
17 plan which reorganizes the judicial districts. The
18 legislative service bureau shall draft a bill embodying the
19 plan for submission by the supreme court to the general
20 assembly. The bill shall take effect upon the general
21 assembly passing legislation which is approved by the governor
22 including an effective date for the reorganization of the
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24 to a vote in either the senate or the house of representatives
25 within thirty days of the bill's submission by the supreme
26 court to the general assembly, under a procedure or rule
27 permitting no amendments by either house except those of a
28 purely corrective nature. If both houses pass the bill, the
29 bill shall be presented as any other bill to the governor for
30 approval.

31 3. The composition of the judicial districts in section
32 602.6107, Code 2001, and judicial election districts in
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34 division of the state into judicial districts and judicial
35 election districts is modified pursuant to this section.

1 4. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
2 supreme court prior to developing a plan pursuant to this
3 section consult with and receive input from members of the
4 general public, court employees, judges, members of the
5 general assembly, the eight judicial departments of
6 correctional services, county officers, officials from other
7 interested political subdivisions, and attorneys. In
8 submitting a plan pursuant to this section, the supreme court
9 shall also submit to the general assembly a report stating the
10 reasons for developing the plan and describing in detail the
11 process used in developing the plan.

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SENATE FILE 2267

H-8301

1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word
4 "DISTRICTS" the following: "AND JUDICIAL ELECTION
5 DISTRICTS".

6 2. Page 1, line 7, by inserting after the word
7 "districts" the following: "and judicial election
8 districts".

9 3. Page 1, line 9, by inserting after the word
10 "districts" the following: "and judicial election
11 districts".

12 4. Page 1, line 14, by inserting after the word
13 "districts" the following: "and judicial election
14 districts".

15 5. Page 1, line 15, by inserting after the word
16 "districts" the following: "and judicial election
17 districts".

18 6. Page 1, line 17, by inserting after the word
19 "districts" the following: "and judicial election
20 districts".

21 7. Page 1, by striking lines 20 through 23 and
22 inserting the following: "assembly. The general
23 assembly shall bring the bill".

24 8. Page 1, by striking lines 25 and 26 and
25 inserting the following: "in the next regular session
26 immediately following the submission of the plan,
27 under a procedure or rule".

28 9. Page 1, by striking lines 28 through 30, and
29 inserting the following: "purely corrective nature."

30 10. Page 2, line 2, by inserting after the word
31 "court" the following: "shall".

32 11. Page 2, line 16, by striking the words
33 "reorganized judicial" and inserting the following:
34 "judicial election".

35 12. Page 2, lines 17 and 18, by striking the
36 words "serve as judicial election districts for" and
37 inserting the following: "be used solely for the".

38 13. Page 2, line 20, by inserting after the word
39 "districts" the following: "and judicial election
40 districts".

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
LARSON of Linn, Chairperson

H-8301 FILED MARCH 15, 2002

SENATE FILE 2267

H-8340

1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 2, by inserting after line 24 the
4 following:

5 "Sec. ____ . Section 602.8102, subsection 1, Code
6 Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

7 1. Keep the office of the clerk at the county
8 seat, and be open for court business on a uniform
9 basis throughout the state.

10 Sec. ____ . REPEAL. The section of this Act
11 amending section 602.8102 is repealed upon the
12 division of the state into judicial districts and
13 judicial election districts pursuant to section
14 602.6107."

15 2. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
16 "districts and" and inserting the following:
17 "districts,".

18 3. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
19 word "districts" the following: ", and the clerks of
20 court offices".

21 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By EICHHORN of Hamilton

H-8340 FILED MARCH 19, 2002

SENATE FILE 2267**H-8341**

1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1, the
4 following:
5 "Sec. ____ . Section 602.6105, Code 2001, is amended
6 by adding the following new subsection:
7 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The court shall maintain a
8 magistrate court in a city that is not the county seat
9 if a magistrate court existed in that city as of July
10 1, 2001, and if the city requests a magistrate. Any
11 additional costs to the judicial branch for
12 maintaining a magistrate in a city other than the
13 county seat shall be paid by the city requesting the
14 magistrate."
15 2. Page 2, by inserting after line 24, the
16 following:
17 "Sec. ____ . Section 602.6401, subsection 2, Code
18 2001, is amended by adding the following new
19 paragraph:
20 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. The existence of a city in the
21 county other than the county seat that maintained a
22 magistrate court as of July 1, 2001.
23 Sec. ____ . REPEAL. The sections of this Act
24 amending sections 602.6105 and 602.6401 are repealed
25 upon the division of the state into judicial districts
26 and judicial election districts pursuant to section
27 602.6107."
28 3. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
29 "districts and" and inserting the following:
30 "districts,".
31 4. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
32 word "districts" the following: ", and magistrate
33 court".

By EICHHORN of Hamilton

H-8341 FILED MARCH 19, 2002

SENATE FILE 2267**H-8363**

1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. Page 2, by striking lines 12 through 24 and
4 inserting the following:
5 "Sec. ____ . Section 602.6109, Code 2001, is
6 repealed."
7 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By KREIMAN of Davis

H-8363 FILED MARCH 19, 2002

SENATE FILE 2267**H-8364**

1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the figure "2002"
4 and inserting the following: "2003".

By KUHN of Floyd
MERTZ of Kossuth

H-8364 FILED MARCH 19, 2002**SENATE FILE 2267****H-8365**

1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. By striking everything after the enacting
4 clause and inserting the following:
5 "Section 1. JUDICIAL REORGANIZATION COMMISSION.
6 The supreme court shall form a commission to develop a
7 plan to reorganize the judicial districts and election
8 districts in the state. The commission shall consist
9 of two members of the judiciary, two members of the
10 general assembly, an attorney, a clerk of the district
11 court, and two members of the general public. In
12 developing the reorganization plan the commission
13 shall consult with and receive input from members of
14 the general public, court employees, judges, members
15 of the general assembly, the eight judicial
16 departments of correctional services, county officers,
17 officials from other interested political
18 subdivisions, and attorneys. The commission shall
19 submit a proposed plan to the general assembly by July
20 1, 2003. The proposed plan shall be accompanied by a
21 report stating the reasons for developing the plan and
22 describing in detail the process used in developing
23 the plan."
24 2. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
25 "relating to reorganizing" and inserting the
26 following: "creating a commission for the
27 reorganization of".

By KUHN of Floyd
MERTZ of Kossuth

H-8365 FILED MARCH 19, 2002

SENATE FILE 2267

H-8367

1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
4 following:
5 "Section 1. Section 602.1205, Code 2001, is
6 amended by adding the following new subsection:
7 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A clerk of the district court
8 shall be maintained in each county at the county seat.
9 Sec. 2. Section 602.1215, subsection 1, Code 2001,
10 is amended to read as follows:
11 1. The district judges of each judicial election
12 district shall by majority vote appoint persons to
13 serve as clerks of the district court, one for each
14 county within the judicial election district as
15 required by section 602.1205, subsection 3. A person
16 does not qualify for appointment to the office of
17 clerk of the district court unless the person is at
18 the time of application a resident of the state.
19 Within three months of appointment the clerk of the
20 district court must establish residence and physically
21 reside in the county. A clerk of the district court
22 may be removed from office for cause by a majority
23 vote of the district judges of the judicial election
24 district. Before removal, the clerk of the district
25 court shall be notified of the cause for removal."
26 2. Page 2, by inserting after line 11 the
27 following:
28 "Sec. _____. Section 602.6108, Code 2001, is amended
29 to read as follows:
30 602.6108 REASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL.
31 The chief justice of the supreme court shall assign
32 judicial officers and court employees from one
33 judicial district to another, except for the clerk of
34 the district court, on a continuing basis if need be,
35 in order to handle the judicial business in all
36 districts promptly and efficiently at all times."
37 3. Page 2, by inserting after line 24 the
38 following:
39 "Sec. _____. Section 602.8102, subsection 1, Code
40 Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:
41 1. Keep the office of the clerk at the county seat
42 as required by section 602.1205, subsection 3.
43 Sec. _____. REPEAL. The sections of this Act
44 amending sections 602.1205, 602.1215, 602.6108, and
45 602.8102 are repealed upon the division of the state
46 into judicial districts and judicial election
47 districts pursuant to section 602.6107."
48 4. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
49 "districts and" and inserting the following:
50 "districts,".

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H-8367

Page 2

- 1 5. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
- 2 word "districts" the following: ", and clerks of
- 3 court offices".
- 4 6. By renumbering as necessary.

By EICHHORN of Hamilton

H-8367 FILED MARCH 19, 2002

SENATE FILE 2267

H-8368

- 1 Amend Senate File 2267, as amended, passed, and
- 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, lines 26 through 28, by striking the
- 4 words ", under a procedure or rule permitting no
- 5 amendments by either house except those of a purely
- 6 corrective nature".

By EICHHORN of Hamilton

H-8368 FILED MARCH 19, 2002

SENATE FILE 2267**H-8378**

1 Amend the amendment, H-8365, to Senate File 2267,
2 as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, as
3 follows:

4 1. Page 1, by striking lines 5 through 23 and
5 inserting the following:

6 ""Section 1. JUDICIAL REORGANIZATION -- STUDY
7 COMMITTEE. The legislative council is requested to
8 establish a study committee during the 2002
9 legislative interim to develop a plan to reorganize
10 the judicial districts and judicial election
11 districts. The study committee shall consist of
12 legislative members of both political parties from
13 both houses of the general assembly, from each
14 judicial district, and shall be evenly balanced
15 between urban and rural legislators. In developing a
16 plan of reorganization, the committee shall consult
17 with and receive input from the general public,
18 judges, court employees, the eight judicial district
19 departments of correctional services, county officers,
20 officials from other interested political
21 subdivisions, and attorneys. The committee shall
22 submit a final report to the general assembly no later
23 than November 15, 2002.""

24 2. Page 1, line 26, by striking the word
25 "commission" and inserting the following: "study
26 committee".

By KUHN of Floyd
MERTZ of Kossuth

H-8378 FILED MARCH 20, 2002**SENATE FILE 2267****H-8400**

1 Amend the amendment, H-8301, to Senate File 2267,
2 as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, as
3 follows:

4 1. Page 1, by striking lines 24 through 29 and
5 inserting the following:

6 "____. Page 1, by striking lines 25 through 30 and
7 inserting the following: "in the next regular session
8 immediately following the submission of the plan.""

By EICHHORN of Hamilton

H-8400 FILED MARCH 20, 2002

Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Fiscal Note

SF 2267 - Reorganization of Judicial Districts (LSB 6550 SV)

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Fiscal Note Version - New

Requested by Representative James Hahn

Description

Senate File 2267 relates to reorganizing Judicial Districts and Judicial Election Districts.

Assumptions

1. Senate File 2267 requires the Supreme Court to review every ten years the division of the State Judicial Districts to determine the most efficient and effective administration of the District Court and Judicial Branch.
2. If the Supreme Court determines the reorganization should take place, the Court is required to submit a plan of reorganization to the General Assembly by November 15.
3. The Supreme Court prior to developing the plan will consult and receive input from the public, court employees, judges, members of the General Assembly, Community-Based Corrections, county officers and officials, and attorneys.
4. The reorganized Judicial Districts will also serve as the Judicial Election Districts.
5. The State Court Administrator will reapportion the number of judgeships to each Judicial District.

Fiscal Impact

Senate File 2267 establishes the procedure for the Judicial Branch to review and submit a reorganization of the Judicial Districts. No significant fiscal impact is expected to result. However, once a plan is adopted and implemented, a fiscal impact may result.

Source

Judicial Branch

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