

House Study Bill 554 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to appropriations to the judicial branch.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 135, section 7, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 SEC. 7. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
5 to the judicial branch for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
6 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, the following amount, or so
7 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
8 designated:

9 a. For salaries of supreme court justices, appellate court
10 judges, district court judges, district associate judges,
11 judicial magistrates and staff, state court administrator,
12 clerk of the supreme court, district court administrators,
13 clerks of the district court, juvenile court officers, board of
14 law examiners and board of examiners of shorthand reporters and
15 judicial qualifications commission; receipt and disbursement
16 of child support payments; reimbursement of the auditor
17 of state for expenses incurred in completing audits of the
18 offices of the clerks of the district court during the fiscal
19 year beginning July 1, 2012; and maintenance, equipment, and
20 miscellaneous purposes:

21 \$ ~~77,055,911~~
22 163,304,540

23 b. For deposit in the revolving fund created pursuant
24 to section 602.1302, subsection 3, for jury and witness
25 fees, mileage, costs related to summoning jurors, fees for
26 interpreters, and reimbursement of attorney fees paid by the
27 state public defender:

28 \$ ~~1,150,000~~
29 3,100,000

30 2. The judicial branch, except for purposes of internal
31 processing, shall use the current state budget system, the
32 state payroll system, and the Iowa finance and accounting
33 system in administration of programs and payments for services,
34 and shall not duplicate the state payroll, accounting, and
35 budgeting systems.

1 3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial
2 statements to the legislative services agency and the
3 department of management containing all appropriated accounts
4 in the same manner as provided in the monthly financial status
5 reports and personal services usage reports of the department
6 of administrative services. The monthly financial statements
7 shall include a comparison of the dollars and percentage
8 spent of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures on
9 a cumulative basis for full-time equivalent positions and
10 dollars.

11 4. The judicial branch shall focus efforts upon the
12 collection of delinquent fines, penalties, court costs, fees,
13 surcharges, or similar amounts.

14 5. It is the intent of the general assembly that the offices
15 of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties
16 and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably
17 possible in order to address the relative needs of the citizens
18 of each county.

19 6. In addition to the requirements for transfers under
20 section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the
21 appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the judicial
22 branch in this division of this Act, unless notice of the
23 revisions is given prior to their effective date to the
24 legislative services agency. The notice shall include
25 information on the branch's rationale for making the changes
26 and details concerning the workload and performance measures
27 upon which the changes are based.

28 7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual update
29 to the legislative services agency specifying the amounts of
30 fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa
31 court information system since the last report. The judicial
32 branch shall continue to facilitate the sharing of vital
33 sentencing and other information with other state departments
34 and governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice
35 system through the Iowa court information system.

1 8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the general
2 assembly by January 1, 2013, concerning the amounts received
3 and expended from the enhanced court collections fund created
4 in section 602.1304 and the court technology and modernization
5 fund created in section 602.8108, subsection 7, during the
6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012,
7 and the plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. A copy
9 of the report shall be provided to the legislative services
10 agency.

11 9. The judicial branch is encouraged to purchase products
12 from Iowa state industries, as defined in section 904.802, when
13 purchases are required and the products are available from Iowa
14 state industries. The judicial branch shall obtain bids from
15 Iowa state industries for purchases of office furniture during
16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, exceeding \$5,000.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to appropriations made to the judicial
19 branch in 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 135 (SF 511).

20 The bill increases the appropriations from the general
21 fund of the state for FY 2012-2013 to the judicial branch for
22 salaries, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes.

23 The bill increases the appropriations from the general fund
24 of the state to the revolving fund created in Code section
25 602.1302 for jury and witness fees, mileage, costs related to
26 summoning jurors, fees for interpreters, and certain attorney
27 fee reimbursement.