

Senate File 000

1 Amend Senate File 000 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

5 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
6 the state to the judicial branch for the fiscal year
7 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the
8 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
9 to be used for the purposes designated:

10 a. For salaries of supreme court justices,
11 appellate court judges, district court judges, district
12 associate judges, judicial magistrates and staff,
13 state court administrator, clerk of the supreme
14 court, district court administrators, clerks of the
15 district court, juvenile court officers, board of law
16 examiners and board of examiners of shorthand reporters
17 and judicial qualifications commission; receipt and
18 disbursement of child support payments; reimbursement
19 of the auditor of state for expenses incurred in
20 completing audits of the offices of the clerks of the
21 district court during the fiscal year beginning July
22 1, 2013; and maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous
23 purposes:

24 \$164,599,367

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

30 \$ 3,100,000

31 2. The judicial branch, except for purposes of
32 internal processing, shall use the current state budget
33 system, the state payroll system, and the Iowa finance
34 and accounting system in administration of programs

1 and payments for services, and shall not duplicate the
2 state payroll, accounting, and budgeting systems.

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

14 4. The judicial branch shall focus efforts upon the
15 collection of delinquent fines, penalties, court costs,
16 fees, surcharges, or similar amounts.

17 5. It is the intent of the general assembly that
18 the offices of the clerks of the district court operate
19 in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public in
20 order to address the relative needs of the citizens of
21 each county.

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

32 7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual
33 update to the legislative services agency specifying
34 the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs

1 collected using the Iowa court information system since
2 the last report. The judicial branch shall continue
3 to facilitate the sharing of vital sentencing and
4 other information with other state departments and
5 governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice
6 system through the Iowa court information system.

7 8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to
8 the general assembly by January 1, 2014, concerning
9 the amounts received and expended from the enhanced
10 court collections fund created in section 602.1304 and
11 the court technology and modernization fund created in
12 section 602.8108, subsection 7, during the fiscal year
13 beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, and
14 the plans for expenditures from each fund during the
15 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30,
16 2014. A copy of the report shall be provided to the
17 legislative services agency.

18 Sec. 2. CIVIL TRIALS — LOCATION. Notwithstanding
19 any provision to the contrary, for the fiscal year
20 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, if
21 all parties in a case agree, a civil trial including a
22 jury trial may take place in a county contiguous to the
23 county with proper jurisdiction, even if the contiguous
24 county is located in an adjacent judicial district or
25 judicial election district. If the trial is moved
26 pursuant to this section, court personnel shall treat
27 the case as if a change of venue occurred. However,
28 if a trial is moved to an adjacent judicial district
29 or judicial election district, the judicial officers
30 serving in the judicial district or judicial election
31 district receiving the case shall preside over the
32 case.

33 Sec. 3. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT. Notwithstanding
34 section 602.1509, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

1 2013, a judicial officer may waive travel reimbursement
2 for any travel outside the judicial officer's county of
3 residence to conduct official judicial business.

4 Sec. 4. POSTING OF REPORTS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT —
5 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY. All reports or copies of
6 reports required to be provided by the judicial branch
7 for fiscal year 2013-2014 to the legislative services
8 agency shall be provided in an electronic format. The
9 legislative services agency shall post the reports on
10 its internet website and shall notify by electronic
11 means all the members of the joint appropriations
12 subcommittee on the justice system when a report
13 is posted. Upon request, copies of the reports may
14 be mailed to members of the joint appropriations
15 subcommittee on the justice system.

16 Sec. 5. JUDICIAL OFFICER — UNPAID
17 LEAVE. Notwithstanding the annual salary rates
18 for judicial officers established by 2008 Iowa Acts,
19 chapter 1191, section 11, for the fiscal year beginning
20 July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the supreme
21 court may by order place all judicial officers on
22 unpaid leave status on any day employees of the
23 judicial branch are placed on temporary layoff status.
24 The biweekly pay of the judicial officers shall be
25 reduced accordingly for the pay period in which the
26 unpaid leave date occurred in the same manner as for
27 noncontract employees of the judicial branch. Through
28 the course of the fiscal year, the judicial branch may
29 use an amount equal to the aggregate amount of salary
30 reductions due to the judicial officer unpaid leave
31 days for any purpose other than for judicial salaries.

32 Sec. 6. IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. It is the
33 intent of the general assembly that the judicial branch
34 utilize the Iowa communications network or other secure

1 electronic communications in lieu of traveling for the
2 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.>

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