

Fiscal Analysis

ADDITIONAL MECOSTA/OSCEOLA DISTRICT JUDGE



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 5479 as introduced, Rep. Jim Howell**

House Committee Judiciary

Analysis

Summary

The 77th judicial district consists of Mecosta and Osceola counties and has one judge. The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to, subject to local approval, divide the district into two divisions (one for each county), each of which would have one judge.

Fiscal Impact

According to the State Court Administrative Office, the annual cost to the state of each district court judgeship is approximately \$155,950 (\$138,272 for judicial salary and standardization payment, \$7,399 for FICA, \$600 for travel, and \$9,679 for the retirement contribution for judges enrolled in the defined benefit retirement plan). Local expenses attendant on each judgeship depend on costs of staffing, support services, office space, and supplies.

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