

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 90 (The Speaker)(Judiciary)  
Judiciary

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Judgeships - District Court  
(Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City)

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This bill creates two new District Court judgeships, one in District 1 (Baltimore City) and one in District 7 (Anne Arundel County), effective July 1, 1996.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures will increase by \$392,600 in FY 1997. Future year expenditures reflect turnover and salary increases in the staff positions. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	392,605	385,215	389,769	394,516	399,462
Net Effect	(\$392,605)	(\$385,215)	(\$389,769)	(\$394,516)	(\$399,462)

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

**Local Effect:** None.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$392,600 in fiscal 1997, which reflects the bill's July 1, 1996 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring two District Court judges and four additional staff to support the additional courtrooms. It includes salaries of \$243,000, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses. The information and assumptions used in calculating the estimate are stated below:

- each judge requires one clerk and one bailiff;
- no significant additional operating costs; and
- sufficient courtroom space exists for the new judges and staff in Glen Burnie and Baltimore City.

District Court judge salaries	\$ 173,000
Fringe benefits	117,015
Clerk/Bailiff salaries	69,958
Fringe benefits	32,032
Operating Expenses	<u>600</u>
<b>Total FY 1997 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$392,605</b>

Future year expenditures reflect 3.5% annual salary increases and 3% employee turnover for the clerk and bailiff positions and 2% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses. Judicial salary increases are not included because they are determined by the Judicial Compensation Commission and the General Assembly.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (District Court of Maryland); Department of Fiscal Services

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