

Department of Legislative Services  
 Maryland General Assembly  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 473 (The Speaker)  
 (Judiciary)

Judiciary

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Judgeships - District Court - Prince George's and Frederick Counties

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This bill creates 2 new District Court judgeships - 1 in Prince George's County and 1 in Frederick County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by approximately \$340,300 in FY 2000, which reflects a 90-day start-up delay. Out-year expenditures reflect annualization, inflation, and salary increases. The proposed FY 2000 budget includes funding for 2 additional judges and related personnel.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	\$340,300	\$452,800	\$465,900	\$479,400	\$493,900
Net Effect	(\$340,300)	(\$452,800)	(\$465,900)	(\$479,400)	(\$493,900)

*Note: ( ) = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures would increase by an estimated \$340,321 in fiscal 2000, which reflects a 90-day start-up delay. This estimate includes salaries and fringe benefits for 2 judges, 2 clerks, 2 bailiffs, and supplies. The District Court advises that it has sufficient physical facilities to accommodate the proposed new judges and their staffs.

Judge Salaries	\$154,500	
Fringe Benefits	96,277	
Clerk Salaries	34,574	
Fringe Benefits	13,129	
Bailiff Salaries	29,078	
Fringe Benefits	12,223	
Supplies	540	
<b>Total FY 2000 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$340,321</b>	

Future year expenditures would include 3.5% annual salary increases for the non-judicial positions, 2.5% annual salary increases for the judges, 3% employee turnover, and 1% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses. This estimate is based on a fiscal 2000 salary of \$103,000 per year for District Court associate judges (includes cost of living adjustment for fiscal 2000).

Funds for 2 new District Court judges and their staffs have been included in the Governor's proposed fiscal 2000 budget.

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