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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6467

BILL NUMBER: HB 1053

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 28, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: DeKalb Superior Court.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Dodge

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		65,026	130,052
Net Increase (Decrease)		(65,026)	(130,052)

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It establishes a second superior court in DeKalb County.
- B. It provides that the initial judge of the second DeKalb Superior Court is appointed for a term beginning January 1, 2006.
- C. It eliminates the DeKalb County small claims referee.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This new court would begin operation on January 1, 2006. The estimated costs for a 12-month period are listed in the following table. (The expenditures for FY 2006 listed in the STATE IMPACT table, above, reflect 6 months of expenditures because the starting date of this court begins in the middle of the fiscal year.)

Cost Components of Judge's Salary		
Salary	Specified in statute	\$90,000
Life Insurance	0.36% of Salary	\$324
Health, Dental, and Vision	Blended rate estimated by the State Budget Agency	\$8,291
Social Security	7.65% of salary	\$6,885
Disability Insurance	2.28% of salary estimated by State Budget Agency	\$2,052
Judges Retirement Fund	35% of Salary	\$31,500
Judicial Center	Includes materials and postage, but not possible staffing	\$1,000
Eliminate small claims referee	Receives \$10,000 from state General Fund	(\$10,000)
Total Cost for New Court:		\$130,052

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The county may need to hire additional support staff and find space for this new court. By eliminating the small claims referee position, DeKalb County will save \$10,000 per year.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of State Court Administration, Indiana Judicial Conference.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial Courts in DeKalb County.

Information Sources: State Budget Agency.

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