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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6467**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1053

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 27, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** DeKalb Superior Court.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Dodge

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**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.)

<b>Cost Components of Judge's Salary</b>		
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)
<b>Total Cost for New Court:</b>		<b>\$130,052</b>

**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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