

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB717

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Torian

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.

5. Summary: This bill increases from five to six the maximum number of authorized juvenile and domestic relations district court judges in the Thirty-first Judicial District.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 35

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The FY 2025 (first-year) cost for an additional district court judgeship \$302,991. This includes \$285,096 to cover salary and benefit costs for the additional judge, \$14,595 for a substitute judge, and \$3,300 in one-time expenses to equip chambers. The estimated annual cost for every subsequent year is \$299,691.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.