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Senate Bill 769 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Loren Bennett
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to reorganize the 27th judicial district in Wayne County and reduce that district by one judgeship. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 257, which would amend the RJA to provide for the reorganization of the first and second divisions of the 52nd judicial district by combining them into one division and allowing an additional judgeship in that division

The 27th judicial district currently consists of the Cities of Wyandotte and Riverview and is divided into two divisions. The first division consists of Wyandotte and has one judge; the second division consists of Riverview and has one judge. Under Senate Bill 769 (S-2), the 27th district would remain as is until January 1, 2003, or until a vacancy occurred in one of the district's judgeships, whichever occurred first. Beginning on January 1, 2003, or on the date on which a judicial vacancy occurred, the 27th judicial district would consist of Wyandotte and Riverview, without separate divisions, and the district would have only one judge. The district's sole judgeship would be filled initially by the remaining incumbent judge, who would serve as judge of the entire 27th district for the balance of the term to which he or she was elected or appointed.

MCL 600.8121

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the current salary of a district court judge, the State would save the following annual amounts:

Salary	\$118,285
Social Security/Medicare	6,440
Defined Contribution Retirement	<u>8,280</u>
	\$133,005

Local savings would depend on support staff and office space allocated to the eliminated judgeship.

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