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Senate Bill 769 (as introduced 9-29-99)
Sponsor: Senator Loren Bennett
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to allow an additional judgeship in the thirty-fifth judicial district. That district currently has two judges and consists of the Cities of Northville and Plymouth and the Townships of Northville, Plymouth, and Canton in Wayne County.

Under the bill, subject to Section 8175, the thirty-fifth district could have one additional judge effective January 1, 2001. (Section 8175 provides that additional district judgeships permitted by the RJA may not be authorized to be filled by election unless each district control unit approves the creation of the judgeship by resolution adopted by its governing body and the clerk of each district control unit files a copy of the resolution with the State Court Administrator by 4:00 p.m. of the 16th Tuesday preceding the August primary.)

The bill specifies that, if a new office of judge were added to the thirty-fifth district to be filled by election in 2000, the term of office of the judge would be four years for that election only.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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

The State also would incur approximately \$6,000 in one-time costs for electronic recording equipment.

Local costs would depend on support staff allocated to the new judge and whether additional office/courtroom facilities would be required.

Fiscal Analyst: B. Bowerman

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