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House Bill 4207 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Nancy Cassis
House Committee: Family and Civil Law
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to allow an additional judgeship in the first division of the 52nd judicial district. That division currently has three judges and consists of the Cities of Novi, South Lyon, Wixom, and Walled Lake and the Townships of Milford, Highland, Rose, White Lake, Commerce, Lyon, and Novi in Oakland County.

Under the bill, subject to Section 8175 of the RJA, the first division could have one additional judge effective January 1, 2003. (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 is tie-barred to Senate Bill 257, which would combine the first and second divisions of the 52nd judicial district and allow an additional judgeship in that division, and to Senate Bill 769, which would reduce the 27th judicial district in Wayne County by one judgeship and combine its two divisions into one.

MCL 600.8123

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.

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