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House Bill 4207 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Nancy Cassis

House Committee: Family and Civil Law

Senate Committee: Judiciary

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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 both of the following:

- Senate Bill 257, which would 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 second division of the 52nd judicial district currently has one judge and consists of the Townships of Springfield, Independence, Holly, Groveland, and Brandon.)
- Senate Bill 769, which would reorganize the 27th judicial district in Wayne County and reduce that district by one judgeship. (The 27th judicial district currently consists of the Cities of Wyandotte and Riverview and is divided into two divisions, each with one judge. Under Senate Bill 769 (S-2), as passed by the Senate, 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.)

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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.

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