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House Bill 4092 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Michael Switalski
House Committee: Civil Law and the Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to do the following if the City of Eastpointe approved the establishment of the 38th District Court (which consists of the City of Eastpointe) and the judgeship proposed for it:

- Abolish the Eastpointe Municipal Court and end the terms of its judges effective January 1, 2004.
- Require that the 38th judicial district begin to function in Eastpointe
- Provide for the election of its district judgeship in a special election held in November 2003.

These provisions would be effective if the governing body of the City of Eastpointe adopted resolution of approval and filed a copy of the resolution with the Secretary of State by April 12, 2003.

The bill also specifies that the Legislature would not be mandating that the district court function in the 38th district or mandating any judgeship in the district.

MCL 600.8122 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the current salary of a district judge, the State would incur the following annual costs for a new district judgeship.

Salary	\$138,272
Social Security/Medicare	7,269
Defined Contribution Retirement	<u>9,679</u>
Total	\$155,220

The State also would be responsible for a one-time cost of approximately \$6,000 for recording equipment for each new district court judge.

Local costs would depend on the level of fringe benefits for the judgeship provided by the local unit of government, support staff costs, and office/courtroom facility costs.

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