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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 212 (as introduced 2-25-03)  
Sponsor: Senator Jason E. Allen  
Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to allow the addition of one judgeship in the 90th Judicial District, which consists of Emmet and Charlevoix Counties and currently has one judge. Under the bill, subject to Section 8175 of the RJA, the 90th District could have one additional judge effective January 1, 2005.

(Under Section 8175, an additional district judgeship permitted by the RJA may not be authorized to be filled by election unless the governing body of each district control unit in the district adopts a resolution approving the creation of that judgeship. The clerk of each district control unit must file a copy of the resolution with the State Court Administrator by 4:00 p.m. of the 16th Tuesday preceding the August primary for the election to fill the additional judgeship.)

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would increase costs to State and local units of government.

Based on the 2003 salary of a district court judge, the State would incur the following annual costs for a new district judgeship:

Salary	\$138,272
Social Security/Medicare	7,399
Defined Contribution Retirement	9,679
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$155,350</b>

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

Local costs would depend on the cost of fringe benefits for judges provided by the local unit of government, support staff costs, and whether additional office or courtroom facilities would be necessary.

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